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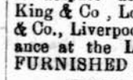

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A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, the 17th February, 1902.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
SUIT NO. 428 OF 1900.
VITHAL BHOOBA ...Plaintiff.
VERS US
SARASWATIBAI, widow of GANPATRAO SAKHARAM DABHOLKER ...Defendant.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute made in the above Suit and bearing date the 21st day of February, 1901, the right, title and interest of the above-named Plaintiff and of GANPATRAO SAKHARAM DABHOLKER deceased (husband of the abovenamed defendant) in the following immoveable property, will be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office, in the Court House, on Wednesday, the 5th day of March, 1902, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF HANDSOME MAJOLICA AND TERRA-COTTA WARE, PLATEDWARE AND FANCY-GOODS.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Apollo Street, Fort, opposite the Share Bazar, a large lot of Majolica and Terra-cotta centre pieces, epergnes flower pots and flower vases, jardiniers with pots, figures, busts, platedware in great variety, tea and breakfast sets, soda and pint tumblers, telescopic lamps, screens, and other fancy goods.

The above is now on view.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT NEPEAN SEA ROAD.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, on the spot, by instructions of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company, the mortgagees, and on account and at the risk of Nursoo Syboo, the mortgagor, the following immoveable property situate on the west side of the Nepean Sea Road, without the Fort of Bombay, viz.:—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, with the bungalows or dwelling houses, buildings, stables, out-houses, and other erections standing thereon, situate on the west side of Nepean Sea Road, without the Fort of Bombay, and in the Registration District and sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2,997 and four-ninths square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on or towards the north by the property formerly of the late Framjee Cowasjee Marker, but now of Bomanjee Eduljee Cassinath, on or towards the south by a roadway 20 feet wide, beyond which is the property of the Bombay Land and Improvement Company, Limited, on or towards the east by the said Nepean Sea Road, and on or towards the west by the property of Ruttonsey Lalljee, which said piece of land forms part of that numbered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old Survey No. 48, new Survey No. 7141, and assessed by the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under Ward D, No. 3322, and Street Nos. 58, 60 to 66, together with the right of way over the road way 20 feet wide, on the south side of the foregoing piece of land, particulars of which are set out in a conveyance dated the 1st day of February, 1899, and made between Jehangir Framjee Murzban of the one part and the said Nursoo Syboo of the other part.

In the event of the above property not being sold in one lot, the same will be put up for sale at the same time and place in three separate lots as follows, viz:—

Lot A containing 1041-14 square yards; Lot B 1080·47 square yards; and Lot C 832·77 square yards or thereabouts.

Lots A and B having a dwelling-house and out buildings thereon respectively, and C being vacant land.

The boundaries and other particulars of the three lots are more fully set out in the conditions of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of the sale, application may be made to Messrs. Craigie, Lynch and Owen, Solicitors for the mortgagees, at their Office, Standard Building, Fort, Bombay, or to the Undersigned.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 2, Grand Buildings, Lower Colaba, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plated ware, crockery and glassware, Mahogany square piano by Schiedmayer and Soehne Stuttgart, nearly new, Persian carpets, Austrian safe on stand, windproof lamps, pictures, table ornaments, etc., the property of Captain H. W. BAMBER.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

SALE OF GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 3rd proximo, at 2 p.m., the following ornaments belonging to the estate of the late Bai Monghibai, wife of Gokalji Hirji viz.—

Gold hirakanthi, pochi, mohanmala, kadas, ear ornaments, ring, ivory bangles, silver kalas, sanklas, waist chains, toe rings, buttons, vatka, etc.

On TUESDAY, the 4th proximo, at 1 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Land's End Road, Malabar Hill, the very valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, also English-made drawing room suite, cabinets and pier glasses, rich open carved blackwood furniture, suitable for presents, rich crockery and glassware, rich electroplated ware, by Elkington and others, semi-grand piano by Gollard and Collard, large size engravings, mahogany full-size slate billiard table by Burroughs and Watts, London, with balls, cues, six light gas lamp, etc., 4, 5, 6 light gas chandeliers, 2 and 3 light gas brackets, English ice box, Chubb's safe on stand, large size carpets, rich table ornaments, large number of choice plants in tubs and pots, garden roller, gent's bicycle, combined grain-crushing and grass-cutting Machine, lawn mover etc., the property of W. LLEWELLYN, Esq., Manager, French Bank, proceeding to Calcutta.

Catalogues are published, and the property is on view.

On THURSDAY, the 6th proximo, at 1 p. m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction in No. 5 Tent, Wodehouse Road, Wellington Lines, next to the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, the valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plated ware, crockery and glassware, square piano by Rose and Co., single-pole tent with verandah, windproof lamps, table ornaments, carpets, English tin box etc. the property of R. OLIVER, Esq., proceeding to England.

The property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

SALE OF 72 BALES YARN.

On THURSDAY, the 6th proximo, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Naranji Mills Premises, Ferguson Road, Parel, by order of Messrs. The Naranji Mills Company, Ld., and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Bhimjee Govindjee and Co—72 bales each 400 lbs. No. 6s mule yarn.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 26th February, 1902.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

Under instructions from Messrs. Manmohandas Ramjee and Kalliandas Kessowdas, the Trustees appointed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay of the estate of the late Itchalal Pranjivandas, deceased, under the order made on the 17th day of April, 1901, in suit No. 652 of 1897, and Appeal No. 1108, the undersigned will sell by Public Auction on the premises THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at 4 p. m., if not sold by private contract on or before that date, the undermentioned valuable landed properties situate at Kandawady, outside the Fort of Bombay, in one or more lots. At present the premises have been divided into seven lots as follows:—

Plot	A	containing	713	square yards.
"	B	"	3,528	"
"	C	"	855	"
"	D	"	672	"
"	E	"	1,007	"
"	F	"	504	"
"	G	"	430	"
			7,709	square yards.

A plan of the said plots together with the conditions of sale, can be seen at the office of the undersigned, or at the office of Messrs. Ardesir Hormusjee Dinshaw and Co., Solicitors for the Trustees, at No. 29, Esplanade Road, Fort.

PARTICULARS.

Firstly—All those two pieces or parcels of Pension and Tax land or ground, measuring in the aggregate 7,709 square yards or thereabouts one of which said pieces or parcels of land of ground is assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue, under Old No. 17, New No. 81, Old Survey No. 525, and New Survey No. 7494, and the other under Old No. 17, New No. 82, Old Survey No. 525, and New Survey No. 7494, together with the following several messuages, tenement or dwelling houses, chawls or bungalows, hereditaments, and premises standing thereon, viz :—(1) D Ward No. 905 and Kandawadi Street Nos. 72, 74, 78 and 80; (2) D Ward No. 935 and Kandawadi Street Nos. 82; (3) D Ward No. 906 and Kandawadi Street Nos. 84, 86, 88, 90 and 92; (4) D Ward No. 907 and Kandawadi Street No. 2; (5) D Ward No. 908 and Kandawadi Street No. 3; (6) D Ward No. 909 and Kandawadi Street No. 4; (7) D Ward No. 910 and Kandawadi Street No. 5; (8) D Ward No. 911 and Kandawadi Street No. 6; (9) D Ward No. 912 and Kandawadi Street No. 17; and (10) D Ward No. 1268 and Girgaum Back Road Street Nos. 98 to 104, situate and being at Kandawadi Street, without the Fort of Bombay, in the registration Sub-district of Bombay, and which said hereditaments and premises are bounded on the East partly by the property of Mr. Bhaishanker Nanabhai, Solicitor, and partly by the Kandawadi Street aforesaid, on the West partly by the Girgaum Police Court premises, partly by Arya Samaj, and partly by Naranwadi, on the North by the Girgaum Back Road, and on the South by the Kandawady Street, aforesaid.

On FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Wellington Lines, Tata's new building, opposite Band Stand, the valuable and handsome, blackwood and teakwood plain and carved French-polished household furniture of the latest design made to order by Roberts and others, rich glass and crockeryware, best platedware by Elkington, Reed and Barton and others, rich pictures, Persian carpets, one band some sweet toned semi-grand piano, by S. Rose & Co. old China and Japanese vases and table ornaments, brass time-piece and clocks, Hink's and Ditmar's hanging and table lamps, &c., one lady's "Humber" cycle, one handsome strong-built rubber tyred victoria (nearly new), &c., &c., the property of F. S. PUNNETT, Esq., Assistant Collector of Customs.

Catalogues are published, and the property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 1st proximo, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at 30 Alexandra Terrace, Byculla, the valuable and handsome black and teakwood, plain and carved French-polished household furniture of the latest design made to order, rich glass and crockeryware, best plated ware, rich pictures and oleographs, Persian and Brussels carpets, China and Japanese vases, and table ornaments, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, etc., etc., the property of G. E. SUTCLIFFE Esq.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 1st proximo, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, &c.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature brougham.
1 second-hand strong victoria in very good order.
1 " " vis-a-vis "
1 strong-built landau in very good order.
1 bay Arab, quiet in harness.
1 grey pony " " and saddle.
3 waler and C B horses broken to riding and driving.

On SATURDAY, the 8th proximo, at 1 p. m. Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at 3rd Victoria Cross Road, Byculla, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood, plain and carved, French polished household furniture of the latest design, best platedware rich glass and crockery ware, one square piano by S Rose and Co., one Singer's sewing machine, one large size English tin box, rich Persian carpets, handsome China and Japanese flower vases and table ornaments, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, &c., &c., the property of H. HOYLES, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 26th February, 1902.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, FEB. 24.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	£94 9-16 =
3 per cent. Rentes	£101 1-4 plus 1-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	£108 =
3½ per cent. Govt. Securities	£64 5-8 =
Bar Silver in London	25 5-16 =1-16
Do New York	54 7-8—1-8
Exchange on London at Paris	.25·16 =plus 1
Do New York	4·87 3-4 = plus 1-8
Discount, Bank of England, 3 per cent. =	
" Short London Bills 2 3-4 " =	
" Indian Bank Bills 2 3-4 " =	

Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester was quiet. Total sales 7,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export 500 bales. Surats nil. Imports 15,000. Spot 4 21-32. Arrivals closed steady.

Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Apl.-May	July-Aug.	Oct.-Nov.
4·35	4·33	4·35	4·35	4·18

All unchanged.

In New York—

2 days Receipts at the Port	46,000 bales.
Do. last year	37,000 "
" Exports to Great Britain	24,000 "
" Do. to Continent	20,000 "
Mid-Uplands	8,34 — 1-16
Futures, month of May	8·42 — 6
Do. do. Aug.	8·25 — 5

Rapeseed Brown 40 1-4. April May. Sellers. Tone steady.

Linseed 54 3-4. May-June. Sellers. Tone firm.

Arrival.—Nilo.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 48 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Monday, the 24th February 1902 :—

Cotton	18,186	Bales.
Wheat	3,919	Cwts.
Linseed	19,507	"
Rapeseed	11,073	"
Gingellyseed	13,189	"
Poppyseed	53	"
Groundnuts	1,617	"
Castorseed	4,830	"
Rice	1,944	"
Myrabollams	9,488	"
Cottonseed	10,372	"

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, FEB. 25.

EXCHANGE—Tone quiet.

Bank T. T.	1s 4 1-16d
Bank Demand	1s 4 3-32d
Credit Bills 3 months sight D A ...	1s 4 9-32d
Do 6 do do do ...	1s 4 13-32d
French Francs 3 do do do ...	171
Marks 3 do do do ...	139
Hongkong 30 Days do	133 1-2
Shanghai 30 " do	183 1-2
Japan 30 " do	148 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. tone unsettled.

Cash	96-8
1st Settlement	96·9
2nd do.	97-0

BANK RATES—

Bank of England	3	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	8	do
Bank of Bengal	8	do
Bank of Madras	8	do

SEEDS—

Linseed.—Tone steady.

Ready ...	9 9 to 9-8
Forward, April-May ...	9 8

Rapeseed.—Tone steady.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6 11
Do. Forward April-May ...	6 11
Yellow Cawnpore Ready	Nominal.
Do. Forward April-May ...	7 5
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	Nominal.
Do. Forward April-May ...	7 14

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.

Ready ...	Nominal.
Forward, April-May ...	8 13

Castorseed—Tone steady.

Ready	30 4
Forward, April-May	31 8

Groundnuts—Tone steady.

Ready	41 8

Gingellyseed—Tone steady.

15 per cent. Mixed, Ready ...	47 6

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

Growths.	Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Delivery.
Bengals, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	158	152	...	25 February
Bengals, M.-G. (Ry. terms)	169	163	...	do
Sind-Panjab (M.-G.) ...	169	163	...	do
Belati (M.-G.) ...	185	179	...	do
Khandeish, (M.-G.) ...	...	174	...	do
Damangam Pulgam	186	180	...	do
Julcaum (M. G.) ...	...	176	...	do
Oomra Good staple	195	189	...	do
Akola do. } Khamgaum do. } Karanja do. }	186	180	...	do
Broach (M. G.) ...	208	...	...	do
Do. do. ...	209	...	203	25 March
Bhownugger (H, G.)	...	...	181	25 May.
S.-G. Dharwar,	...	...	194	do
Westerns	...	...	184	do

COTTON.—Tone weak.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ended the 22nd February, as compared with the statement of the 15th February :—

LIABILITIES	Feb. 15. Rs.	Feb. 22. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	75,00,000	75,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	51,66,144	57,80,537
Public Deposits at Branches	27,60,234	46,97,206
Other Deposits	4,80,08,397	4,94,96,344
Post Bills	12,540	11,125
Credits undrawn	11,57,857	13,11,668
Rs.	7,46,05,172	7,87,96,880
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	83,41,251	74,03,615
Other authorised Securities	12,24,213	12,82,959
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	85,32,612	88,36,876
Loans do. do. do.	1,71,15,181	1,98,28,502
Bills discounted and purchased	2,40,18,309	2,34,84,982
Dead Stock	3,83,599	3,83,599
Stamps and Stationery	32,253	32,211
Balances with other Banks	1,95,913	6,90,070
Cash	1,41,61,781	1,68,54,055
Rs.	7,46,05,172	7,87,96,880

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, FEB. 25.

Tuesday: The barometer has fallen throughout the whole region from Persia eastward to Burmah. The fall has been brisk generally and has been rapid in Kashmir and North-West India. Winds are exceedingly variable, but show some signs of cyclonic movements over Gujerat, where the pressure remains lower than in the surrounding regions. There has been no rain in any part of the Indian region and no snow in Kashmir or Baluchistan. The mean temperature is lower than usual over the centre of the peninsula and around the Bay coasts, but is excessive elsewhere particularly over the Punjab and at Hill stations.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH OF FEBRUARY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased everywhere, the fall being brisk to rapid over nearly the whole country.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Both the day and night temperature continues to be in excess of normal in mos places. The maximum temperature varied from 99° at Khandwa to 82° at Delhi and the minimum from 50° at Lahore to 76° at Negapatam.

The sky is partially cloudy over the greater part of the country lying to the south of Latitude 22°.

No rain fell at any station.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THE LOSS OF THE KNIGHT COMPANION.

ON THE ROCKS AT IDZUMI.

IN reference to the wreck of the Knight Companion, private information of which was recently received in Bombay, Hongkong newspapers state that news has been received in the Colony that the vessel which left Hongkong for Portland on 15th Nov. last, and was wrecked at Idzum near Kobe, on the return journey. Full details of the wreck are not yet to hand, but, as the Captain and crew are stated to be on their way to Yokohama, it is believed that the vessel is a total loss. The owners are Messrs Greenshields, Cowie and Co., Liverpool. The vessel, which is 2820 tons net, was loaded with flour, mostly for Mr. A. H. Rennie, Hongkong.

A further wire was received by the Portland and Asiatic Steamship Company's office in Hongkong to the effect that the Knight Companion, was breaking up and promised to become a total loss.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line, CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

GOW-SMITH—February 19, at Thurso House, Madhupur, E I Railway, suddenly of heart failure, William Miller Gow-Smith, aged 66 years.

GRUBB—February 19, at Rawalpindi, John Lowes Blondeck Grubb, only son of Lieutenant and Quartermaster J J Grubb, The Queen's Regiment, aged 9 years and 6 months.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 22m. Sun sets, 6h. 4m. High water, 1-21m., 1-48a. Low water, 7-20m., 7-21a.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.
Bombay Light Horse camp opens at Santa Cruz.
Novelty Theatre: The London Gaiety Company, 9 p.m.
Harmston's Circus, 9 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa per Transport Syria will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 1st March.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—A caracal or Indian Lynx (Felis caracal) has been presented to the zoological collection by Col. R. H. Hogg of the Central India Horse.

ARRIVAL.—The Rani of Baroda, accompanied by fifty-followers carrying six guns, arrived in Bombay yesterday morning and alighted at the Dadur Station. She is staying in Haji Cassum's bungalow in Dadur Road.

THEFT AT PEDDAR ROAD.—Mr. J H. Latimer has made a report to the Police that his bungalow in Peddar Road, Malabar Hill, was entered on Sunday night, through the door of the bath-room, which had been left open, and articles of wearing apparel of the value of Rs. 155 were stolen from the bedroom. On a search being made a portion of the clothing valued at Rs. 114 was found strewn about the compound.

BURNT WITH MOLTEN METAL.—Bhiva Dewji, a Hindu boy, aged fourteen, residing in Duncan Road, and employed in the Iron Foundry belonging to Purshotum Bhowanji, in Khetwady 2nd Lane, was on Monday last severely burnt on several parts of his body, by a quantity of molten metal, which he was pouring into a mould, accidentally splashing on him. The injured man was removed to the J. J. Hospital.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.—At the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. Kursandas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Karim Mulji charged Abdula Karsi with criminal breach of trust. Mr. Kanga, solicitor of Messrs. Kang and Patel appeared for the complainant, while Mr. York-Smith solicitor and Mr. Welinker pleader, defended the accused. The facts of the case have been reported. The Magistrate considered the evidence unsatisfactory and discharged the accused.

THE BACK BAY BATH CO., LIMITED.—The sixteenth general meeting of the Company was held at the office of the Company, Kennedy Sea Face last evening, Mr. T. A. Bland presided. The directors' report and the accounts were adopted. The payment of a dividend of 6 per cent. was sanctioned, Messrs. P. A. Bland and J. Morris, directors, retiring by rotation were re-elected. Mr. B. Morris, was appointed auditor for the ensuing year.

ARREST OF A DACOIT IN BOMBAY.—In consequence of a letter sent by Mr. Vincent, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Khandeish, the Bombay Police arrested on Saturday, at the Old Nagpada, one Jevabirshah Sher Mahomed, on a charge of dacoity alleged to have been committed by him in that District. The accused was, yesterday, charged before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, who ordered the prisoner to be sent to the first class magistrate in Nandurbar in Khandeish District.

DROWNED IN A WELL.—An inquiry was held yesterday, at the Morgue, by Mr. Byrne the Coroner, on the body of Rama Raghoo, aged thirty, a coachman in the employ of Mr. Sorabji Burjorji and residing in his master's compound in Hunsraj Lane, Byculla. The deceased, it appears, was drawing water from a well in the compound to wash his master's carriage, when his foot slipped and he fell in, and before any assistance could he rendered, he was drowned. A verdict of accidental death in accordance with the above facts, was recorded.

MUSIC AT THE APOLLO BUNDER.—The band will play the following programme at W. B. Green and Co.'s Apollo Bunder Restaurant to-day from 7 to 9 p.m. :—

March	Erinnerung au Nancy	F Berger
Overture	Tancredi	Rossini
Valse	Circus Girl	K Kiefert
Selection	The Messenger Boy	Ch Godfrey
March	Nancy Lee	Ch Brigs
Barn Dance	Florodora	Carl Keiferth
Selection	A Runaway Girl	Ch Godfrey
Gallop	Always Joyful	J Kecker

THE SASSOON MECHANICS INSTITUTION.—An extra ordinary general meeting of the members of the above Institute was held yesterday afternoon in the hall of the Institute to consider the proposed amendments of certain rules of the Institute and the reversal to the old rates of quarterly subscription and visitors tickets. Mr. S. E. Shellim presided. Alterations were made and Rules Nos. 71 12, 41 and 42, of the Institute, which related to the subscriptions of members visitors' tickets, investment of endowment and other funds and converting the Lecture Hall Building fund into a reserve fund for meeting extraordinary expenditure in connection with the Institute or its building.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY A PARSI.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Bapooji Rustomji, a Parsi cook, aged fifty, was charged with attempting to commit suicide by inflicting serious injuries on his head and feet by means of an adze. The accused lived with a Parsi carpenter at Dhobie Ghaut in Parel. In consequence of a domestic quarrel, accused had left his house and gone to live with the carpenter who was his friend. On the evening of the 22nd January last, when the friend returned home, he found the accused bleeding from wounds on his head and feet. He was removed by the Police to the J. J. Hospital, where he was detained under treatment until Monday last. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, stating that he inflicted the injuries partly under the influence of liquor and partly through anger owing to quarrel. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to one month's simple imprisonment.

SUFFERING AND SUICIDES.—Mr. P. Byrne, the Coroner, held an inquest yesterday morning at Upper Mahim, regarding the death of Balla Gunnoo, a Hindoo lad, aged sixteen. The deceased had been an apprentice postman, doing duty at the Walkeshwar Post-office, where he also lived with other postmen. About five days ago, Balla came home in Lady Jamsetji Road, suffering from high fever. His mother took him to a charitable dispensary, where he was attended to. The fever, however, increased and he became delirious. He complained of intense headache and said that he was tired of life and would commit suicide. On Sunday night Balla was missed from home. The next day his body was found lying in a pool of water off Lady Jamsetji Road. There were no marks of violence on the body which was dressed as usual. The Jury returned a verdict of suicide.—Another inquest was held by the Coroner at Colaba, regarding the death of Rukmi, aged twenty-two, wife of one Rutnaji Goonaji. The deceased who had been suffering from fever was missed from home on Sunday night. Her body was found next day on the Gun Carriage Bunder Basin. The Jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide while in the delirium of fever.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Trust, Albert Building, Fort, Mr. S. Rebsch presiding. There were also present Brigadier General Ventris, Mr. E. Gray, Mr W. S. Sheppard, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Mr. F. Macrae, Major C. H. Meyer, Mr. Sasson, J. David, Mr. D. E. Wacha, the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, the Hon. Sir Bhalchundra Krishna and Mr. C. H. Armstrong.

COLABA RECLAMATION SCHEME.

The Trustees considered the draft letter proposed to be sent to Government, submitting the Colaba Reclamation Scheme for sanction and forwarding the Municipal representation in connection therewith.

The matter was postponed till the next meeting.

PROPOSED STABLES ON WODEHOUSE ROAD.

The Trustees next considered a letter from Mr. J. N. Tata, regarding the condition on which he had been permitted to lease the stable site on the Wodehouse Road Estate. Mr. Tata in his letter enquired, whether he would be allowed to erect buildings for a veterinary establishment and also for the manufacturing and repairing of carriages and for the residences of persons connected with the establishment.

It was resolved that there was no objection, subject to the Board approving of the extent and location of the accommodation to be provided for such purposes.

Mr. Tata had also enquired whether he was bound to keep any stable and other accommodation vacant for the tenants of the Trustees on the Wellington lines Plot and regarding the rates of rent.

The Board resolved that the lessee should be bound to provide at one month's notice, stabling up to the Limit of one hundred horses and room for sixty carriages for the tenants of the wellington Lines, at rates not exceeding those stated in the conditions with a less demand for stabling accommodation. The lessor would be at liberty to let the remainder to any one on such terms as he could obtain.

BUILDING PLANS.

The Board adopted the plans and specification of a building to be erected on plot No. 7 Wodehouse Road by Bai Bachubai Panday. The plans for Mr. Rivett-Carnac's bungalow on the Marine Lines Estate were also passed. The Board also approved of the plans for buildings on Wodehouse Road for Mr. F. C. Bennett.

CENTRAL GARDEN.

The Trustees considered a draft letter furnished by the Board's Solicitors, replying to the objection raised by Mr Tata's Solicitors to the condition regarding the central garden space entered in the draft lease of suite No. 5 Wellington Lines Plot.

It was resolved that the Board saw no reason why such an objection should be taken.

After transacting some other business of a confidential nature, the Board adjourned.

THE SHOOTING ACCIDENT IN NAIGAUM.

THE VERDICT.

MR. P. BYRNE, the Coroner, concluded the adjourned inquiry last evening at the morgue regarding the circumstances under which Dhondia Gunnoo, a Hindoo lad, aged sixteen, was shot dead on Sunday evening by a sudden discharge of a gun.

George Henry de Souza, a carriage examiner in the employ of the G. I. P. Railway, in his evidence said that Perries and Baza Boze, who was a shoe-maker, came to his house on Sunday afternoon and borrowed a gun. He went to the Naigaum Tank, while witness and Perries remained sitting on a well at a distance of about two hundred yards. Boze fired twice and brought down two birds, a parrot and a crane. When the gun was loaded a third time and fired, witness and Perries went out to see whether he had made any further execution. They found that he had missed his aim. When he loaded the gun he tapped it lightly near the lock with his hand. The gun went off, the muzzle pointing at right angle to the Naigaum Cross Road. There were several people assembled to witness the shooting and amongst them was a boy. The boy was standing on the road about two yards and a half away. He was shot in the stomach. Boze immediately dropped the gun, powder, shot and cap box on the ground and dragged the boy to the mill side and ran away. Witness picked up the articles and went to the Police Chowkey.

Francis Perries corroborated the last witness.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Persia, Captain W. A. Wheler, which is expected to arrive in Bombay on Saturday next, brings the following passengers :—

Anderson Mr J M	Miller Mr A
Ball Mr and Mrs	Meade Col W B
Battersby Col G R A M C	Monteath Mrs
Bambridge Mrs and Miss	Makins Mr G
Bannard Miss M	Modi Mr V G
Cole Mrs and child	Macpherson Capt and Mrs
Carter Capt L G	McKerrow Mr and Mrs R O
Donovan Capt and Mrs	Molony Mr H J C
Dawson Mr T S	Patterson Maj and Mrs C A
Elvin Mr E A	Rennie Mr T
Edwards Mr and Mrs L	Rasdell Mr H W
Frith Lieut C	Stockman Mr S
Fisher Mr C P	Stuart Mr M
French Mr G D	Stokes Hon G
Hewlett Mr K	Tuck 2nd Lieut C H A
Hutchinson 2nd Lieut G R	Taylor 2nd Lieut H J
Hutton Mr J	Thoyts Capt F G
Hogarth Pryor Mr W H	Turton Mr A
Hartt Mr G F	Watson Capt A C
Henderson Mr C J	Walker Mr J W
Hunt Mr G	Weller Mr and Mrs
Keatch Mr P E F	Weller Mr T
Keeley Mrs E W	Were Capt H H
Kirkwood Capt J M	Walsh Col and Mrs
Lucas Mr E J	Wheatley Lieut W P A
Martin 2nd Lieut C P	

PASSENGERS PER S. S. IMPERATRIX.

THE following is the list of passengers arrived per Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Imperatrix, from Trieste via Port Said, Suez and Aden, at 5 p.m., on the 24th instant :—

Mrs Goppert	Capt and Mrs Thacker, nurse and child
Mr W Denzler	Mrs O Wood
Mr F Diodervichs	Mr Golruk
Mr and Mrs Fowler	Mr Leo Wanmeck
Mr Czervony	Miss Gernstein
Mr Goldmann	Mr R Czenrevey
Mr Peters	Mr Schultze
Mr Renion	Mr A F Cowdell
Mr Gyan	Mr Yranakidis
Capt and Mrs Dobb	Mr P J Negroponte
Mr Y Zaucnes	Dr C Martin
Mr Pietro	Mrs Maneckjee and 2 children
Mr E Constelawatte	
Mr Varedi	

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Ward.	Plague, Attacks.	Plague, Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	5	10
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	19	12	36
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	46	21	59
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	19	11	27
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	52	12	42
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	14	12	22
G Mahim and Worlee	13	10	24
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Rem'tals	0	17	30
Total	166	100	211
Total plague deaths to date	105,769	91,621	
Same date last year	160	183	409

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday, was 1,635 as against 1,516 during the previous week. Of the total number 701 died of plague, which showed an increase of 38 over the preceding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 2,495 which included 1,118 deaths from plague.

DIVINE SERVICE.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.
WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY.
6 p.m.—Litany and Address by Rev. H. McNeile.

THE three new howitzer batteries are to be stationed at Jhansi, the displaced batteries being transferred to Jubbulpore and Nowgong. The heavy battery at Trimulgherry will also be moved to Nowgong, and Rawalpindi is to be augmented by a field battery from Nowgong.

THE ALLEGED WILL FORGERY.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. T. J. Strangman, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, resumed the hearing of the case, in which Mr. H. Brewin, Assistant Inspector-General of Police, charged Shapurji Kavasji Sanjana, barrister-at-law; Jadavji Permanand; Kallianji Mawji; Deokaran Megji; Merwanji Nanabhoy Sakitawala, solicitor; and Rustomji Cursetji Banatwalla with forging a will, using as genuine a forged document and perjury. Mr. York-Smith, with Mr. Velinker, pleader, prosecuted, Mr. Bhaishanker solicitor and Mr. Kapadia, pleader, appeared for Kallianji Mawji. Mr. Kazi Kabirudin, barrister-at-law, and Mr. Pandit, barrister-at-law, for Deokaran Megji, and Mr. Rustom D. N. Wadia, barrister-at-law, for Saklatwala and Banatwala.

Mr. Shanker Damoder was further examined by Mr. Yorke-Smith, Mathuradas Kallanji, a merchant living at Champa Gallee, was afterwards examined. He said he knew Purshotam Ludhabhai's son-in-law. Purshotam's estate amounted to about a lakh and a quarter. Purshotam lived in his own house at Ovulwadi at the time of his marriage. His daughter, Purshotam's two daughters by previous wife and his sister Nanibai and some servants went with Purshotam to reside at Walkeshwar, Jadavji Permanand resided on the upper floor of the same house at Walkeshwar. That state of things continued till the demise of Purshotam Ladha, on 17th March 1900. Purshotam got ill on the 13th and died on the 17th March, 1900. Up to the 12th March he was in good health and used to attend to his business. He went to see Purshotam on the night of the 14th when he learnt of his illness. There was some conversation between him and Purshotam. His two daughters, his sister, and his aunt Shambai were present at the interview. Jadavji was not there. The witness asked him why he had sent for him. He replied that Jadavji had been asking him since morning to make his will. Purshotam said he did not think it necessary to make another will. Jadavji told him (Purshotam) he was a rich man and he ought to make a will. Purshotam also said that Jadavji then sent for a piece of paper and began writing something on it. Then Purshotam told Jadavji he did not want to make any will, and Jadavji could write what he liked. Jadavji after writing something on a piece of paper asked Purshotam to sign it. Purshotam told Jadavji that he would sign it, and asked Jadavji to send for the witness Mathuradas Kallianji. The state of Purshotam's mind at that interview was alright. He sat up all the while he talked. The witness again went to see Purshotam at about 8-30 p. m. Many of Purshotam's relations and Jadavji were there. He took Jadavji aside and asked him about the will of which Purshotam had told him that evening. Jadavji said that he would speak to him about it the next morning. Jadovji and he both were with Purshotam that night till 11 p. m. He saw Jadavji next morning near Mahadeo's Temple at Valkeshwar at 8-30. No one was present there. The temple was between the houses of the witness and Purshotam. He asked him what he wanted to say about the will. When he came he asked Jadovji where the will he had written out the day before was. Jadavji said it was upstairs. Witness went to Jadavji at about 10 a. m. the same day. Jadavji told him he could not find the draft which he had made. Purshotam was seriously ill next morning; and a little after 2 p.m. he died. His daughter and Purshotam were on good terms thoughout the whole of their married life. Jadavji was present when he died. A little before his death Jadavji asked the wife of the deceased to give him the bunch of keys, and she gave them.-After the cremation Jadavji told the witness that they would go to reside in Purshotam's house in Ovalwadi. Witness consented. At the time they were packing the luggage he found a paper which fell down from a book. It was in the handwriting of Jadavji. This paper was found in the room where Purshotam died. After he had found the draft Jadavji and all his relations went to reside in Ovalwadi. When he went into the house the "divankhana and all the rooms that were used by Purshotam were locked up. He asked Jadavji why he did not allow the children to go into the "divankhana": upon which Jadavji said that was no business of his. Jadavji admitted that he had locked all these rooms.

The Court was adjourned at this stage.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY RELIEF MEASURES.

During the week ending the 15th instant the prices of the staple food-grains rose in Kaira, the Panch Mahals, Broach, Sholapur, Khandesh and Bijapur; elsewhere they fell.

A statement showing the progress of relief measures during the week ending the 15th instant is appended. The numbers relieved are compared below with those of the preceding week:—

	Preceding week.	Week under report.
Workers ...	143,770	149,842
Dependants ...	8,153	8,377
Gratuitously relieved in poor-houses and villages.	34,459	26,876
Total ...	186,382	185,095

The numbers on reliefworks, including dependants, have decreased in Ahmedabad by 983, in Bijapur by 911 and in Khandesh by 159; while they have increased in the other districts as follows:—Kaira 6,330; Panch Mahals, 1,054; Broach, 529; Ahmednagar, 330; Sholapur, 56.

The numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief in villages and poor-house have increased in all districts except Ahmedabad, Kaira, Sholapur and Broach, where they have decreased by 8,049, 489, 46 and 22, respectively. The following relief works were opened during the week :—

Kaira—Constructing the Sahiyat Tank and Pariaj Tank. Panch Mahals, Dhandelpur Tank. Khandesh-Ghorda Kondshari Road. Ten small works under Civil Agency were opened in the Panch Mahals and two in Ahmedabad; one large work was closed in Bijapur. An allotment of Rs. 8,000 has been sanctioned for the improvement of water-supply in the Sholapur District.

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE RETURNS.

THE cases of plague and deaths therefrom reported to Government during the week ending February 7th, were as follows :—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	676	549
Karachi	52	44
Poona (including Cantonment).	174	170
Districts.		
Panch Mahals	4	4
Kaira	306	15
Broach	155	128
Surat	50	40
Thana	47	34
Khandeish	523	434
Nasik	72	56
Poona (excluding City)	154	103
Satara	1,465	1,022
Sholapur	269	197
Ahmednagar	5	3
Kolaba	16	12
Ratnagiri	6	5
Belgaum	788	593
Dharwar	1,115	846
Kanara	7	1
Hyderabad (Sind).	32	21
Kathiawar	15	10
Kolhapur	660	446
Cutch	58	53
Rewa Kantha	75	53
Baroda territory	167	100
Sachin	24	18
Janjira	41	24
Aundh	32	16
Savanur	32	24
Total	7,019	5,220
Week ending January 31st ...	6,001	4,434
Total to date	662,952	508,071

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

REGATTA—FIRST DAY, SATURDAY MARCH 1.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S CUP RACES.

For Yachts of any seize on the R B Y C list. A handicap race to start with time in hand. First Yacht to start at 2-30 p m. Course No 12—Distance 11·7 miles. Entrance fee Rs 10. 1st prize a Cup presented by H E Lord Northcote, 2nd prize Rs 100 and 3rd prize Rs 50.

For boats of the 'Tomtit' class. Start at 2-45 p m. Course No 3 reversed Distance 10·6 miles. Entrance fee Rs 5. 1st prize A Cup presented by H E Lord Northcote. 2nd prize Rs 50 and 3rd prize Rs 25.

Entries for the above races close at noon on Thursday next.

N.B.—By kind permission the P and O steamer Guicowar will leave Apollo Bunder about 3 p m to take any members and their guests who wish to follow the above Races.

BOMBAY RACES.

TENTH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1.

Second Entries closed at 7 p m Tuesday, Feb. 25

The March Stakes—Distance 6 furlongs
1st Entries 6
Mr Hajibhoy Vishram's b aus g Harpist

The Coorla Plate—Distance 6 mile
1st Entries 6
Mr Ebrahim Amer's b a h White Oats aged

The Colaba Plate—Distance 5 furlongs
1st Entries 11
Aga Shah Rookh Shah's ch a h Shah 13-3

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer St Kilda, 2,268 tons, Captain O E Caffrata, sailed yesterday, for Genoa and Marseilles, with a general cargo.

THE P and O Co's steamer Nankin, 2,557 tons, Captain C J Benton, will sail to-day, for Hongkong, etc, with a general cargo.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer India, 1,797 tons, Captain E Klun, will sail to-day, for China, etc, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Turkestan, 1,592 tons, Captain F Paton, sailed yesterday, for Havre and Liverpool, with a general cargo and Mr M G B Leslie as a passenger.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Umballa, 3,426 tons, Captain J Wilson, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon 15th February with a cargo of rice and one deck passenger.

THE steamer Tenby, 2,553 tons, Captain R Campbell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Cape Town 30th January, in ballast. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Killick Nixon and Co.

THE steamer Daghestan, 2,212 tons, Captain F Littledale sailed yesterday, for Dunkirk, with a general cargo and Mrs Bamber and infant and Mr Pinney and 87 deck passengers for Aden.

THE steamer Santhia, 3,821 tons, Captain D Campbell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 13th instant, with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs M Mackenzie and Co.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain W H Rothwell, sailed yesterday, for Karachi via Kathiawar coast ports, with a general cargo and Hon'ble Mr McIver, Captain Faulkner, one gentleman and 200 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain E C Russell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi 22nd February via Kathiawar coast ports, with a general cargo and Mr S Anastasia de, six natives and 156 deck passengers.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—FEB. 25.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Assaye	Lambert	Torpedo G'boat
a Torpedo Boat No 100	Lt Comdr J C S Hughes, R N	
a Do No 103	Lt Comdr W P Koe, R N	
I L S S Ceylon ... v ... 167	Channer	Ceylon Govt.

INDIAN DEFENCE RESERVE.

H M S Abyssinia	Wet Basin	Turret-ship
4 Torpedo Boats		

a Indian Defence Ships.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
24	Imperatrix s	Guttman	Trieste, Feb 8
25	Santhia s	Campbell	Calcutta, Feb 13
	Dumra s	Russell	Karachi, Feb 21
	Tenby s	Campbell	Cape Town, Jan 30
	Umballa s	Wilson	Rangoon, Feb 15

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
25	Dwarka s	Rothwell	Karachi
	M Bacquehem s	Gherro	Calcutta
	St Kilda s	Caffrata	Marseilles
	Turkistan s	Paton	Liverpool, &c
	Daghestan s	Littledale	Dunkirk

THE following vessels obtained their port-clearances yesterday :—

Steamer Nankin, Benton, for Hongkong.
" India, Klun, for Shanghai.

THE following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Santhia, for Calcutta, etc.
" Imperatrix, for Trieste, etc.
" Eden Hall, for Liverpool via Karachi.
" Tenby, for Hamburg, Hull, Liverpool, etc.

DAILY IMPORTS—FEBRUARY 25.

FROM GLASGOW.

City of Delhi s—150 cases ale, H J Rustomjee and Co.; 100 cases whisky, D Cowasjee 5 cases whisky, Cutler Palmer and Co.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

City of Delhi s—150 cases ale, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM HAMBURG.

Weissenfels s—8 drums, rectified spirit, M P Baria.

FROM ANTWERP.

Weissenfels s—25 cases playing cards, A Amrodin.

FROM LONDON.

Caledonia s—11 cases photo materials, B Sakharam and Co

FROM BORDEAUX.

Mithley Hall s—25 cases brandy, Phipson and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—FEBRUARY 25.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Turkistan s—1,000 cwt bonemeal, E C Nanjee.

Nubia s—4 bales cotton, W Watson and Co; 14 bales wool, G Gungadas; 95 bales wool, H K M Jaitha; 515 cwt cottonseeds, G Cotton and Co; 109 bales wool and 110 bales goat hair, H M Abba; 109 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 46 bales wool, M Ruttonsey.

FOR LONDON.

Westminster s—170 bales hemp, S Kimatram and Co; 17,000 cwt cottonseed, Forbes Forbes and Co; 211 bales hemp, C Purbut and Co; 6,000 cwt cottonseed, G Madhowjee; 6,000 cwt castorseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 22 bales hemp, The Bombay Co; 400 cwt buffalo horns, H A Mahomed; 200 cwt buffalo horns, W and A Graham and Co 1,007 cwt myrabollams, Arjoon Khimjee; 275 cwt olibanum, M J Jomabhoy and Co; 34 bales skins, C M Dama; 1,007 cwt myrabollams, David Sassoon and Co; 2,010 cwt myrabollams, Eojee Oomersey; 500 cwt myrabollams, C Purbut and Co 201 cwt kurdeeseed, A Blascheck and Co.

FOR HULL.

Tokio s—3,000 cwt bonemeal, Croft Mody and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Lugango s—485 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 350 cwt bone sinews, Croft Mody and Co; 4 bales hemp, Kiddle Reeve and Co; 1,102 cwt crushed bones, A H Cassum and Co; 150 bales cotton, The Bombay Co; 10 cwt turmeric, A C E Motiwalla.

Tenby s—720 cwt mowraseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 4,000 cwt bonemeal, E C Nanjee and Co; 6,003 cwt bone piece and 5,000 cwt bonemeal, R Kaderbhoy; 140 bales hemp, P Bhimjee; 165 bales cottonly waste, Tyabjee and Co; 300 cwt myrabollams, H Anandrao.

FOR ANTWERP.

Milwankee s—358 bales hemp, G Nathoo; 500 cwt myrabollams, Cosser and Co; 50 bales cotton fly J C Todywalla.

Clan Buchanan s—2,000 cwt linseed and 200 cwt rapeseed, Volkart Brothers.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Daghestan s—999 cwt groundnuts, A Blascheck and Co 4,18 cwt rapeseed, Ralli Brothers.

Doe of ogil s—110 bales cotton Glaze brook Tijpal and Co 4,600 cwt cotton seed, Waghjee Bechor; 3,650 cwt rapeseed Volkart Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Nubia s—s, 1,000 cwt Mowraseed, 499 cwt groundnuts, 3,00 cwt teelseed Ralli Brothers.

St Kilda s—1,999 cwt tulseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR FIUME.

Imperatrix s—330 bales cotton, S Smidt and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Nubia s—350 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR KOBE.

Itria s—308 bales cotton, M M Essabhoy; 1,800 bales cotton, C Ebrahim and Co; 500 bales cotton, Saingtai Co; 2,000 bales bales cotton, E D Sassoon and Co; 500 bales cotton, D D COrranee and Co; 500 bales cotton, G Tejpal and Co; 300 bales cotton, The New Mofussil Co; 1,465 bales cotton, Silas E Sassoon; 700 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co; 600 bales cotton, Ewing and Co; 3,800 bales cotton, Sassoon, J David and Co; 3,500 bales cotton, The Metsui B Kaisha; 1,800 bales cotton, Tata and Co; 1,500 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Mahalaxmi Fort, 26th February, 1902.

1. Orderly Officer for to-day :—2nd Lieut E L Bagshawe, next for duty, 2nd Lieut Hawes.

Orderly Sergt for to-day :—Sergt W Ewing, next for duty, Sergt F D McAlpin.

2. There will be 6-inch B L and 10-inch R M L gun drill, to-day (Wednesday) morning and evening. Morning parade at 6-30 a.m., and evening at 5 p.m.

Dress—Drill order, without arms, putties not to be worn.

3. The Annual Inspection of the Corps, will take place at Mahalaxmi Fort on Saturday the 1st March 1902 as follows :—

Morning at 6-30 a.m.—Gatacre Cup Competition and Practice.

Dress—Drill order without arms, putties not to be worn.

Evening at 5-15 p.m.—Dress—Full Dress with arms, putties to be worn.

Attention of members is drawn to the fact that attendance at the above Inspection is compulsory. Leave of absence must be obtained in writing from Officer Commanding Corps or medical certificate forwarded. Any member not complying with the above becomes non-efficient for the year.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1902.

EUROPEAN EXPANSION IN ASIA.

A THOUGHTFUL article appears in the current "Monthly" on this subject from the pen of Major F. E. Younghusband, C.I.E. In it he contends that China is likely to receive the chief attention of Europe in the present century, as India did in the past. And he holds it right that it should, for China is a country of great natural resources, which are not properly developed by her people, and these wasted resources are needed by the growing populations of Europe. Chinese indolence and ignorance stand in the way of the development of those resources, and even if China suffer in the process, one country must be sacrificed to secure the general good. But Major Younghusband very clearly shows it will be a benefit to the Chinese, not a hardship, that the wasted resources shall be developed under skilled European guidance, and that they should have unfettered opportunity of interchanging their own special products with the special products of Europe. "As then, the Europeans see their number augmenting, and their wants even faster than their numbers and so feel their need for the products of China increasing in urgency; as they find themselves by the spread of railways and the increased speed of the steamers yearly getting nearer to China, as they feel their power of making their will felt steadily developing, it cannot be expected that they will for long tolerate the attitude of exclusion which the Chinese Government have so far assumed." This is the pith of Major Younghusband's contention. He does not urge that the lessons be unduly forced on China. She has been given lessons already, and many of them. It is a difficult task to get below the impressions and superstitions of such ancient growth as those we find in China. But time presses, and as Major Younghusband puts it, under the inexorable law of progress, the Chinese will be given the choice of advancing with the foremost nations in the world, opening up their country as the Japanese have opened up theirs, and trading as freely with European nations as Europeans trade with one another, or else of passing under the control of more socially efficient and vigorous races as India has come under the British, Turkistan under the Russians, and Indo-China under the French. That is the precise position. If the Chinese are wise they will choose the former alternative. If they believe Lord Wolseley's prediction that they are the coming race and will over-run the earth, they will bring forth their own destruction.

Europe wants elbow-room. Europeans have trebled in numbers during the past century, and are expected to treble again in the next, though wars and pestilences and disasters may perchance check the rapidity of the process of multiplication. The western standard of living has been raised. The wants of the people have increased until what were luxuries are becoming necessaries. For more room they go West or South. For luxuries they go East. Europe cannot supply them. It was scarcely worth Major Younghusband's while to tell his readers this, for although the bulk of the people are wonderfully ignorant of the East, they at least realise that Europeans go to the East for tropical products not for settlement. In the Northern regions of China, Russians settle down and colonise. But in no other part of Asia can Europe dump down her surplus population as she can in America, Australia or South Africa. Take India for example. We cannot do better than quote Major Younghusband's illustration. We do not send our surplus population to India, he writes, because, in the first place, India is nearly full already with a population of its own; and because, in the second place, the tropical climate is not suitable for the permanent settlement of people of our race, and for the rearing and bringing up of English children. What is true of India is true of most Asiatic countries. But Europe wants more cotton and silk, more tea, sugar and coffee as well as wheat. And as Asia can supply all these needs and more, she must supply them. China does not contribute her share. If she will not of her own free will, pressure will be brought to bear on her. There is no shutting our eyes to that fact. Gradually, but very slowly China is waking up to the truth. She has consented to the construction of railways, though she has done very little beyond that for the development of trade. Individuals have endeavoured to foster it and have made money in the process. But the officials bar the way, and place so many obstacles in the path of the enterprising trader, that he is frequently discouraged, finding the bulk of his profits absorbed by "squeezes," and vexatious imposts and duties. But China will have to give way. Obstructive officialdom will be overthrown. How that will be accomplished matters very little. But the demand for reforms has shaken the throne and the demand for a change in the character of the administration for the country can no longer remain unheeded.

England does not stand alone, knocking at the gates of China. The Dutch and Portuguese as well as the French contested her claim to India. In regard to China she has the company of all the Great Powers, Russia and Germany being prominent in their demands. All disclaim, with varying sincerity, any desire for territorial aggrandisement. We can sympathise with Chinese incredulity, for no country in Asia with the exception of Japan and a few secluded ones, have escaped dismemberment in the process of trade development. Japan escaped by virtue of the good sense of her people who trade as freely with the foreigner as one European nation trades with another. Alluding to the fact that of 844 millions of persons in Asia, no less than 344 millions are under European control, Major Younghusband unhesitatingly affirms that they will remain subject to it, whatever may have been said to the contrary. He scouts the ideas which Mr. Meredith Townsend put forth in his "Asia and Europe," that the empire which came in a day will disappear in a night. He does not attempt to deny the ever present antipathy of Asiatics for Europeans, and he admits as an established fact that white and coloured races do not work well together. "Wherever they try to labour in the same field" says Major Younghusband, "the white man either becomes master and simply superintends the coloured labouring man, or if he cannot do that, he sulks, becomes lazy and degenerates." But he will not degenerate to the point at which the Asiatic can hurl him bag and baggage into the sea. As in India so in China and every other eastern country, room must be made for the European and his trade. Those with whom we have fought and made friends we have used against others who too became our friends. And the five hundred million Europeans who wish to trade with Asia will be assisted in the effort to establish equable trade relations with the five hundred million independent Asiatics by the 344 million Asiatics now under European control, assisted the more readily because of the advantage which these Asiatics themselves gain from free commercial access to new markets.

THE ALLEGED COMMISSARIAT FRAUDS.

THE appeal of Sardar Kishen Singh, who was a late purchasing agent in the Commissariat Department, and who was convicted by the Special Magistrate at Rawalpindi for attempting to cheat, has resulted in his acquittal, and those who have read the evidence, as placed before the Sessions Judge of Lahore, will be convinced of the justice of this decision. Sardar Kishen Singh, it appears, was a man of position in Kohat, and he was employed from time to time by the Commissariat Department, and on the last occasion as a purchasing agent in Tirah, on a pay of about Rs. 100. His special value was his local influence, and it has stood to his credit throughout the trial that his services, rendered at a time of great urgency in the Tirah Expedition, were conspicuous. Moreover, they were given against his own free will, and resulted in the looting of his house and the burning of his property by the enemy. Altogether, during the Tirah campaign, he seems to have had a very bad time. It is stated that the army would have been seriously impeded, but for the way in which he came forward at a critical moment, and at a time when the attack upon Dargai was cogitated. In his judgment Mr. A. Kensington, the Lahore Sessions Judge, says that untrustworthy evidence made it next door to impossible to discover what was going on at the time the frauds were alleged to have been taking place. There were no trustworthy figures and the grounds on which the supplies concerned in the charge were held to be not delivered were not convincing, and the matter was almost incapable of proof. Mr. Kensington points out that although Kishen Singh was acquitted of the charge—by far the most important allegation, too—of presenting a bill for Rs. 22,000, he had been convicted, without having the charge in any way amended, on an entirely different set of facts, of having given certain bribes to office employes in Rawalpindi. This procedure, the Lahore Sessions Judge holds to be open to strong objection. The accused, he says, might have given in to the rapacity of the clerks rather than have foregone what he himself believed to be a just claim, and at any rate the giving of bribes to a clerk could only indirectly amount to cheating. And finally the charge of bribery had never been definitely set before the accused as the basis of prosecution. The Sessions Judge acquitted the accused, and it is impossible not to sympathise with this decision, considering the facts of the case.

THE AGRICULTURAL OUT-LOOK.

SPRING prospects, so far as they can be judged from figures relating to the week ended the 15th instant, are generally moderate. In Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, the North-West Frontier, Hyderabad and Baroda, the need of moisture is badly felt. Elsewhere there have been slight showers, and the crops have benefited considerably. In Bombay the rain-fall has been altogether insufficient, and especially in Gujarat and parts of the Deccan, and the estimates of the autumn outturn in Gujarat are extremely poor. In Sindh and in the Deccan the prospect is fair, and it is generally expected that in the Konkan and the Karnatak, the crop will be good. Rats and locusts had committed serious depredations in Gujarat, Khandesh, Nasik and Baroda, and in many districts want of rain is resulting in injury to the standing crops. In Belgaum food-grains are cheapest, the price being 42 pounds to the rupee. In Kaira only 29 lbs. can be obtained for the rupee, and at Ahmedabad the price is 32 lbs. In the British districts, the average number on the relief works is 155,842, including dependants, and in the Native States the total average number is 34,514. As regards Bengal, rain is badly wanted in Behar and Chota Nagpur, and the spring prospects are below the average. In Madras there has been a satisfactory rainfall, and the water supplies are generally sufficient. The standing crops are in good condition, and harvesting continues with a fair outturn. In the Punjab the crops on dry land have dried owing to want of rain, and the outturn is expected to be rather below the average. Cattle are showing signs of overwork, though fodder is sufficient in all districts except Manwalli and parts of Karnal, Mooltan and Shahpur. In the Central Provinces damage has been done to the crops by frost. In Saugor the damage is estimated at from 30 to 60 per cent., and 30 per cent. in the northern half of Jubbulpore. In the Assam prospects are bright, except in parts of Kamrat, where the mustard and sugar crops are much below the average. In Mysore also the prospects are very good, and in Central India they are quite up to the average.

JOINT STOCK BANKING.

MR. REGINALD MURRAY of the Commercial Bank of India, has published a pamphlet designed to popularise the Joint Stock banking system in India. Under the attractive title of "Wealth in India," he puts forward all the arguments in favour of the active use of money as opposed to the unprofitable system of the private board so much affected by the natives of this country. Unemployed money, he obsserves, taxes the national wealth just as much as an untenanted house or land which has run to waste. The sectional social system of India, which influences the habits of the natives in regard to their possessions, he considers to be the great obstacle to progress and as one method of the propagation of wealth and the development of industry, he urges the advantages of joint stock banking. He points to the success of the system as a feeder of labour, skill and intelligence in the United Kingdom, and indicates by figures how backward India is in this respect. The banking returns for the United Kingdom show that since 1896 capital and reserves have increased by £46,000,000 and deposits by 320 millions sterling. For the same period India shows an increase of only two-and-a-half crores of rupees in capital and reserves and of eleven crores in deposits. To the slow extension of banking in India here denoted, he attributes the tardy development of Indian trade and industry and holds out individual and collective prosperity as the result of an increased employment of banks by the community.

H. E. LORD NORTHCOTE presided yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Indo-British Institution held in the Town Hall. Mrs. Candy distributed the prizes.

THE P. & O. Company's s.s. Persia, with the outward mails of the 14th instant, left Aden at 2 p.m. on Monday, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 8 a.m. on Saturday next.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the first 11 days of January, amounted to Rs. 5,121, a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 1,084.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the first 11 days of January amounted to Rs. 47,236, an increase on the corresponding period of last year, of Rs. 23,886.

THE "jirga" deliberations at Jandola, says the "Pioneer," have been as lively as an Irish League meeting. The Shaman and Shabhi Khel sections of the Mahsuds have throughout been recalcitrant: and when the "jirga" seized some of their members, and handed them over to Mr. Merk as hostages, their temper was not improved. There were alarums and excursions all through the negotiations, and on the third day the "jirga" tried to bag more Shamans and Shabhis, whereupon there was a free fight, mostly with sticks and stones, though two shots were fired, and the Shamans and Shabhis thereafter fled home. Nevertheless, though the proceedings have naturally not been conducted with the decorum of a Legislative Council, it would seem, on the question of paying up the fine imposed and surrendering the rifles taken, that "the ayes have it."

AN interesting review of gifts and bequests of 5,000dols. or more for public uses made in the United State during 1901 appears in the "New York Times" and from the summary furnished by a correspondent of the London "Times" it appears that the enormous total is 107,360,000dols., which is far in excess of the record in any previous year. The best year before 1901 was 1899, when the total was 62,750,000 dols. The "New York Times" points out that the amount given last year is equal to one-third of the cost to Great Britain of the South African war for the same year. Of the 170,360,000dols. Mr. Carnegie gave to colleges and for libraries nearly 31,000,000 dols., his gifts to libraries alone amounting to nearly 14,000,000dols. The statistics exclude ordinary denominational contributions for educational, benevolent, and religious purposes, as also Congressional, State, and municipal appropriations for public and sectarian institutions

LORD SALISBURY, who will be seventy-two is the subject of a biography by Mr. F. D. How now appearing by instalments in "Good Words." The February chapters deal with the Prime Minister's Oxford days. There is still surviving at Christ Church an ancient retainer who remembers the Lord Robert Cecil of half a century ago as a "very quiet, fine-looking man." In the Union he opposed the endowment of Roman Catholicism in Ireland, but defended the proposition that the dissolution of the monasteries was a "most injudicious measure deserving the utmost condemnation." By majority of 29 to 25 he carried the admission of the "Tablet," the "Record," and other religious newspapers into the Union reading room, but he found himself in a minority of five when he attempted to exclude the "Ingoldsby Legends" from the library. It would be interesting to know the nature of the future Prime Minister's objection to that popular work. Possibly as a serious-minded young student he was scandalised at the spectacle of a Canon of St. Paul's writing and publishing flippant and humorous verse.

A REMARKABLE story comes from Carnarvon. Mrs. Thomas, wife of Captain John Thomas, of the sailing ship Wynnstay, bound from Calabuena, West Coast of South America, to Hamburg, received a letter from the owners of the vessel stating that the Wynnstay had put in at the Falkland Islands with the captain sick, and landed him, and that after two or three days Captain Thomas had died. On January 8 Mrs. Thomas received a letter from her husband, written on December 9, which the poor woman very naturally took to be proof positive that her husband was alive, despite the official news of his death received from his owners. This idea drove her into a delirium of joy, which was almost as dangerous as the first news. By and by, however, it became evident to her friends, and by slower degrees to herself, that this was a letter written before the despatch of the telegram, and again the poor woman settled into the despairing conviction that her husband was dead, and has ever since been in a critical state of health. On Jan. 26 he telegraphed for her to meet him at Liverpool. There is not a happier woman in the country.

THE Government of India are again considering the advisability of abolishing the Calcutta Mint, and have invited the Chamber of Commerce to express its views on the matter. The subject is of course not new, and was considered by the Chamber many years ago. At that time the Chamber came to the conclusion that the abolition of the Mint would be an undoubted saving to Government, that its retention was not a "sine qua non." Since then, however, events have occurred which have made the Mint, if not a necessity, at all events a great convenience, or rather, more correctly, a convenience which on occasions amounted to an absolute necessity. Owing to the inability of the Bombay Mint to turn out British trade dollars with sufficient rapidity, when the occasion for their employment demanded the greatest urgency, the Calcutta Mint was called upon to supplement the deficiency, and was in a large measure the means of preventing the trade with the Farther East from being in any way hampered. In addition to this consideration, it must be borne in mind that, as the law stands at present, rupees are only payable against gold tendered at either the Bombay or the Calcutta Mint, and to abolish the latter would therefore necessitate a change in the existing law.

BRUCE HAMILTON'S SUCCESSES.

THE YOUNGEST MAJOR-GENERAL IN THE ARMY.

BY COMRIE COLQUHOUN.

WHEN the time comes to appraise the reputations of our Generals in South Africa, it will, without doubt, be found that Major General Bruce Meade Hamilton will come out pretty near the top in point of continuous hard work and excellent results achieved.

It may be put forward by some that the General has been lucky; that he has reaped where others have sown; that he has simply swooped down on laagers and gathered up the Boers in centuries after other Generals (French, Smith-Dorrien, and his namesake Ian Hamilton to wit) had done the rough spade work. To accept this assertion would be to argue a very imperfect knowledge of Bruce Hamilton's operations since he went out to South Africa as chief of General Clery's staff. The General, writes Mr. Comrie Colquhoun in the "Express," has worked with a feverishness, a tireless activity, and, withal, a thoroughness as to give him the sobriquet of "Brute" Hamilton.

Not that the "brute" was meant unkindly. It was used by his men in the same way as we speak of a man achieving things by brute force and stubbornness alone. The view which Mr. Thomas Atkins holds of the General is that he "just works 'isself to a skeleton, that there ain't no stoppin' him; he does a heap of strange things at once, starting a march when we blokes have made up our minds to sleep. He's a hot 'un, is the General, and no mistake."

MAJUBA DAYS.

Having regard to his forbears it is not surprising that the General should do great things in the soldiering line. Is he not the son of a soldier, of Lieut-General H. M. Hamilton, whom the Suffolk Regiment had for its colonel many years? Soldiering is indeed the profession of the family, and it was a proud day for the father when he was able to attend a Levee at St. James's with his four soldier sons.

Bruce Hamilton's military career dates from 1877, when he joined the East Yorkshire Regiment. Three years later he was found fighting in the Afghan war; and then came the Boer war of 1881. And thereby hangs a tale which is not to be left out in any appreciation of the General. Then a lieutenant, he acted as aide-de-camp on the staff of Sir George Pomeroy Colley, his brother-in-law, and saw the holocaust at Ingogo. He played a soldier's part then, sticking to the right hand of Sir George Colley in those dark days, and was a support, leaving the solicitude of a relative out of the question, which the General acknowledged in his official despatches.

He was not at Majuba, however, but would have been there, as was his namesake, Ian Hamilton (who, in fact, was very seriously wounded), but for Sir George Colley. This brave leader had dire presentments on the eve of the battle—fore bodings which hinted at defeat. And he was unwilling that "young Hamilton," as he called his aide-de-camp, should be disturbed from his sleep. Who can forget the words to Chaplain Ritchie, set forth in the career of the heroic Colley:—"Take care there is no noise round young Hamilton's tent. I don't mean to take him to-night. There seems a kind of fatality about my staff. If anything were to happen to him it would kill his sister."

CAPTURE OF OLIVIER.

After Sir George Colley's death Bruce Hamilton served as aide-de-camp to Sir Evelyn Wood until the army was recalled. There was no active work for him until four years afterwards. Then he served with the Burmese expedition in 1885. A ten years' respite from active service, and then the Ashanti expedition, under Sir Francis Scott, from which he emerged as lieutenant-colonel. He did excellent work in the Benin campaign of 1897, was mentioned in despatches, and received the brevet of colonel.

As to his work in south Africa. In considering his brilliant achievements during the last two months one is apt to lose sight of his earlier work, which, as a reference to the official despatches shows, was arduous all through. Let it not be forgotten that General Bruce Hamilton achieved big things from the time that he got his baptism of fire in the campaign in Natal. He fought with the same dash and eagerness there and in the Orange River Colony as have marked his doings in the Eastern Transvaal in these latter days, and the nation may well rejoice that the wound he received at Venter's Spruit was but slight.

In the Orange River Colony he led long and tedious marches, many of which, though not characterised by large captures, such as we have been accustomed to read lately, were eminently successful. To mention only a few of his undertakings before proceeding to more immediate statistics—it was the splendid march of Bruce Hamilton which saved 250 Yeomanry and 25 infantrymen from being overwhelmed in August 1900 near Winburg. Not satisfied with saving the Yomen from the strong force of Boers who besieged them, he took the bull by the horns, engaged the enemy, and captured General Olivier (who is now in Ceylon, and his three sons.

SWEEPING THE LAAGERS.

But, of course, it is in the Eastern Transvaal, to which Botha and the residue of his army have held fast during the last few months, where Bruce Hamilton has gained most of his laurels. The capture of one laager after another, the incessant night marches, often undertaken in pouring rain, have told a tale on the Boer remnant. His operations have been watched with the keenest interest by students of the war, and public satisfaction was great when the General, after making three noteworthy hauls in a week, received the special thanks of the Government for his brilliant work. He must have accounted for at least 1,000 Boers in less than two months, for, be it remembered, that unofficial telegrams from the front have reported a number of small captures which Lord Kitchener, probably deeming them too small to chronicle, has not sent to the War Office. Here is the official list of his captures. The figures deal with seizures only, killed and wounded not being included:—

Place.	Date.	Captures.
Oshcek	Dec. [illegible]	93
Trichardsfontein	Dec. 10	131
Witkraans	Dec. 13	70
Lake Rangaber	Dec. 19	16
Near Ermelo	Jan. 2	10
Upper Oliphants River	Jan. 5	11
Boschman's Kraal	Jan. 10	42
Near Knapdaar	Jan. 11	33
(Botha nearly caught, escaped in a Cape cart.		
Withank	Jan. 16	27
Boschmansfontein and Nelspan	Jan. 23 and 24	109
	Total	623

A splendid record surely for the youngest major-general in the British Army. Bruce Hamilton is still in his forty-fifth year. He was born in the same year (1857) as "B.-P."—in December, whereas the hero of Mafeking was born in February. One of his brothers, who also fought in the Boer war of 1881, rose from a trooper in the Guards' Cavalry, to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the 14th Hussars, and all four have seen service in South Africa.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY evening two matches in the Rovers Junior Association tournament were played on the Oval. The Band Boys of the Oxfordshire L. I. beat the John Connon High chool team by four goals to nil. The game between the P. and O. Club and the R. I. M. Dockyard apprentices ended in a draw of two goals each, the teams being very well matched. In the first half the P. and O. team scored two goals against one registered by their opponents. But in the second period the R. I. M. apprentices had decidedly the best of the play and equalised the score. Extra time was played without result, and the tie will be replayed to-morrow.

THE Sessions Judge of Lahore has issued judgment in the case of Sirdar Kishen Singh, who was employed by the Commissariat Department to collect supplies during the Tirah Expedition. The charge against him was connected with a bill of Rs. 22,000 sent by him, which, it was alleged, was a false account, and with bribery in connection with this bill. For this he was convicted and heavily fined by Mr. J. G. M. Rennie, the Special Magistrate. The Sessions Judge severely criticised the conduct of the prosecution and of the Special Magistrate. The whole trial had been unsatisfactory, and the Sessions Judge acquitted the accused. During his judgment he dwelt on the valuable services of the Sirdar in the Tirah Expedition, especially at the critical time of Dargai.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BOER LOSSES.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION IN CANADA.

LONDON, FEB. 25.

Lord Kitchener's weekly report states that 3 2 Boers have been killed and wounded and 483 surrendered or made prisoners.

The Canadian Royal Commission on Chinese and Japanese immigration has recommended an increase in the entry tax on Chinese from 100 to 500 dollars.

T e report on the Japanese is not yet ready.

THE MAD MULLAH AGAIN.

THE NEW OPERATIONS.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that towards the end of December, the Mad Mullah resumed the offensive against the friendly tribes and British in Somaliland, and a force was despatched against him immediately and other precautions taken.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONTRACTS.

MOTION FOR COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

In the House of Lords, Lord Tweedmouth brought forward a motion to appoint a joint Committee to enquire into all War Office South African contracts The motion on being put to the vote was rejected by 88 against 25.

Lord Rosebery voted with the Opposition.

PRINCE HENRY IN AMERICA.

MAKING A GOOD IMPRESSION.

Prince Henry of Prussia is at Washington and has visited President Roosevelt.

His Royal Highness is winning the good opinion of all by his cheery and informal manners.

THE MANCHURIAN QUESTION.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

Replying to the protests made by America against granting any exclusive rights in Manchuria to Russia, the Russian and Chinese Governments have assured America, that Manchuria will remain open to American trade.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

A downpour of rain interfered with the cricket match against Victoria to-day. Maclaren's team have for five made 232 wickets.

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Maclarens team is out for 293.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

Business is being resumed at Barcelona.

INFLUENZA IN THE LORDS AND COMMONS.

Mr. Balfour, Mr. Long, and Lord Cranborne, and Lord Halsbury are ill with influenza.

IMPROVEMENT IN RECRUITING.

The recruiting for the Army in 1901 steadily improved in the last six months, the final total being only 2,000 below 1900.

A large increase has taken place in the more showy arms of the service and a decrease in the Infantry.

GENERAL SIR H. RUNDLE.

General Sir Henry Rundle has started from Capetown for England.

THE CONTRACTS QUESTION.

In the debate on Lord Tweedmouth's Motion in the Lords, Lord Lansdowne said a full enquiry into contracts would be held, but the present was not the time for it.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

The "Times" in a leader compares the Anglo-Japanese Agreement to the Franco-Russian alliance, and says it gives Japan henceforth due weight in the determination of problems in the East.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Dr. Samuel Rawson Gardiner, the celebrated historian.

[Samuel Rawson Gardiner, D.C.L., LL.D., fellow of Merton Coll, Oxford, born near Alresford, 4th Mar. 1829; son of Rawson Boddam Gardiner and Margaret Baring Gould. Educ. Winchester; Christ Church, Oxford. 1st class Lit. Hum. 1851; Hon. Student of Christ Church, Oxford. Formerly Professor of Modern History at King's Coll. London. Publications: History of England 1603-42; History of the great Civil War, 1642-49; Cromwell's Place in History, 1897; What Gunpowder Plot was, 1897; History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate (in progress.)]

THE MAILS.

ADEN, FEB. 25.

The P. and O. S. N. Company's s. s. Persia with the English mails of the 14th instant, left here for Bombay at 2 p.m. yesterday, and the steamer Britannia for Colombo and Australia at 1 p.m. yesterday.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, FEB. 24.

The B. I. S N. Co's. s. s. Golconda, left here yesterday morning.

The B. I. S. N. Co's. s. s. Clydesdale, left yesterday morning.

The P. and O. S. N. Co's. s. s. Himalaya, arrived here from Colombo this morning.

The P. and O. S. N. Co's. s. s. Formosa, arrived here from Colombo this morning.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Gordon, arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta this afternoon.

The City Line steamer City of Lucknow, left here for Bombay yesterday evening.

LIVERPOOL, FEB. 24.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Maclean, left here yesterday morning.

PLYMOUTH, FEB. 24.

The P. and O. S. N. Co's steamer Rome, arrived here yesterday morning.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Surats quiet.

Good Bhownuggar 3 28-32.

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	94 9-16
3 per cent. Rentes	101 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	64 5-8
Bar Silver	25 5-16

THE VICEROY AT MALDAH.

THE CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 25.

Replying yesterday to an address of welcome at Maldah, where the Viceroy had a public reception, His Excellency spoke of the historical interest of the locality which had been associated with Hindu and Afghan dynasties before the British arrived, and said the object of his visit was to see the monuments of the past which it should be the duty of Government when practicable to conserve.

BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT'S VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS.

In his presidential speech at the annual meeting of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce to-day, Mr. Turner congratulated the Government on the fewness of bills introduced into the Ligislative Council during the past year, and dwelt upon the evils of unnecessary law-making.

He advocated the appointment of a permanent Railway Board, on which the commercial community should be represented with an official at its head, and urged that firms in India should be permitted to tender for the supply of rolling stock or Government Railways.

Referring to telegraph, he said the time had come for the reduction in the cost of inland messages. He further advocated the making permanent of such appointments as those of heads of Port-Trust, Calcutta Municipality and Customs Department, and suggested the creation of an Imperial Customs Service for India, under a single high official in touch with the Government of India in the Finance Department.

Mr. Turner further dwelt upon the need of improving the Howrah Station, of bridging the Hooghly at Cossipore, of traffic through more congested portions of Calcutta; he also suggested the formation of a Committee to make further provision of a training ship for the members of the domiciled community in Calcutta, and said that should war arise, England's need of sailors would be so great, that Lascars would have to be employed.

Mr. Cable, President of the Coal Association said, in the course of his speech, that the prospects of obtaining supply of railway wagons for ordinary traffic were improving, and he was in favour of the formation of a Wagon Company, which should hold a stock of five thousand wagons to lead to railways to meet sudden rushes of traffic. He also dwelt upon the extent to which Welsh coal is competing with Bengal coal at ports east of Aden, including Bombay and Singapore, and urged further reduction of railway rates to enable Bengal coal to hold its own, suggesting in this connection that the Gulf Point Coal Wharf scheme should be fully invested.

Mr. Ross, Presidents of the heat and Seeds Association also made some remarks in which he advocated the legislation to enforce taking out of licenses in case of firms in Calcutta which refuse register their partners.

THE CALCUTTA BICYCLE RACE.

The winner, in the bicycle race yesterday, was Ratcliffe, not Russell, the last named came to grie and finished third obtaining the time badge.

CORONATION CEREMONIES.

The India Volunteer Contingent for the Coronation Ceremonial in June will contain the representatives of Cadet Corps, as well as of ordinary units of the force.

THE C.-IN-C.

It is understood that it is definitely settled that Sir Power Palmer will remain as Commander-in-Chief until next autumn.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Colonel Godfrey, 9th Bombay Infantry, has one year's sick leave home.

Lieutenant Storr, 4th Sikhs, has joined his appointment as A. D. C. to the Commander-in-Chief.

Colonel Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Military Department, is about to retire.

The hired transport Plassy which leaves England on 28th February is expected to arrive in Bombay on 21st March, and sails for England on the 28th idem.

The formation of Companies of Electrical Engineers in connection with the Calcutta Port Defence Volunteers, the Rangoon Port Defence Volunteers, the Bombay, Baroda Railway Volunteers and the Karachi Artillery Volunteers is sanctioned.

Lieutenant E. N. Stockley, R. E., is transferred to the Bombay command.

Lieutenant Everett, 2nd Welsh Regiment, becomes subaltern, King's African Rifles.

Lieutenant Cabil, R. A. M. C., comes out from Home to the Bombay Command.

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEB. 25.

The Boxing Tournament which will be held in Poona in May next, is open to all officers and men of regular troops.

Major-General Burnett is president of the committee, the other members being Colonel Onslow; Colonel Carter; Major Murray; and Captains Robinson, Ross and Lewis. The latter officer is also honorary secretary of the tournament. The following competitions are notified:—Officers competition, heavy weights, prize silver cup, value Rs. 100, weights up to 11'4, prize silver cup, value Rs. 100 on condition that six men enter. Competition for N.-C.O.'s. and men; bantam weights 9 st and under, first prize, Rs. 150, and silver medal; second prize Rs. 75 and bronze medal; for light weights 10 st. and under, and middle weights 11 stone and under and catch weights about 11 stone 4 lbs. the prizes same as above.

A prize of Rs. 75 will be given to two competitors in the fight in any class which the judges may consider to have been the best contested at the meeting.

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

The Education Commission arrives in Poona from Madras on Thursday next. Only one day's sitting will be held, the Commission meeting in the Council Hall. Professor Selby, Professor Sprott, Doctor Thomson, Professor Paranjpe and Doctor Bhandarkar will probably give evidence before the Commission.

BOER PRISONERS FOR SATARA.

The special train conveying six Boer officers and 390 prisoners of war destined for Satara arrives at Ghorpuri troop siding at 3-45 p.m. to-morrow.

The prisoners will be halted and detained there for about four hours and will leave for Satara at 7-40.

Another detachment of three officers and 85 men left this morning for Satara.

MADAME KOENIG'S CONCERT.

MADAME KÖNIG'S Benefit Concert and Musica Soirée took place last night at the Apollo Bunder Rooms before a brilliant and select audience. H. E. Lady Northcote, accompanied by H. R. H. Prince Louis d'Orleans and a large party from Government House, honoured the entertainment with their presence, which was also attended by Admiral and Mrs. Bosanquet and daughters, Sir Robert Low and the Misses Low, Mr. and Mrs. Candy, Mr. and Miss Fulton, Mr. Basil Scott, Captain and Mrs. Goodridge, General Ventris, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Sir Dinshaw and Lady Petit, Mrs. Sassoon, and many others. Indeed, it seemed as if all sections of Bombay society had assembled to do honour to the artist. Mr. Green's beautiful Dining Hall made an ideal Concert Room, and for this class of entertainment is quite without a rival in Bombay. The items of the programme were such as to ensure approval from all music lovers and the appreciation of the general public. Mendelssohn Quartett for three strings with pianoforte opened the concert. It was rendered by Mr. Astell, Mr. Vernon Bayley and Sergeant Tucker with Mr. Wenning at the pianoforte, who succeeded admirably in keeping all the parts together. Mr. Medley was heard in a sentimental song of the modern type, admirably suited to his voice. Goring Thomas's beautiful song "A Summer Night" was next given by Madame Duran and was a fine example of that lady's gift for dramatic and sustained expression, adding much to the interest of her interpretations. After this the *beneficiaire* made her first appearance in the programme and charmed the audience with her masterly and expressive rendering of a Fantaisie Caprice by Vieuxtemps. In this piece the artist had scope for displaying the rich sonorous tones she can call from her violin at will, while losing nothing in beauty of expression and execution. The accompaniment was played with real sympathetic feeling by Mrs. Stanley Smith. Mr. Faulkner's voice was heard to much advantage in "My Dreams" by Tosti and revealed the excellent acoustic properties of the hall. This item was received with much deserved applause and was well accompained by Mr. Macbeth. A String Quartett by Beethoven closed the first part of the programme with a genre of music rarely heard in India where all string instruments suffer so much from the effects of the climate. It is capable, as was proved last night, of affording the keenest pleasure, and this performance of the Beethoven String Quartett was good enough to awaken memories of St. James' Hall. Madame König made an excellent leader and Mr. Astell loyally co-operated. Mr. Vernon Bayley played his viola with care and accuracy, though his instrument was hardly strong enough to avoid being drowned at times. Sergeant Tucker's cello playing was a reliable support to the other three players, and the whole quartett are to be congratulated on their performance Mr. Wenning at the Peano doing his part excellently. A trio for three male voices, without accompaniment, sung by Messrs. Copplestone, Edgar Faulkner and Waite opened Part II. "O Happy Fair" by Shield was a delightful specimen of the English glee type and the three voices blended with charming effect and artistic modulation. Madame Koenig's second piece followed. She had selected Sarasate's celebrated "Zigeuner-Weisen" a medley of wild Slavonic gipsy melody and dance which is much what the player makes it. Needless to say that in the hands of this artist it was given with admirable execution, verve and expression, and brought her hearty and well deserved applause. The slight accompaniment was played with sympathy and readiness by Mrs. Stanley Smith. Miss Clara Procter's sweet well trained voice was heard in a plaintive little modern Italian song which gave very great pleasure and deserved the hearty appreciation which it was accorded.

Miss Muir-Mackenzie's Pianoforte Solo selections from Schumann's "Les Papillons," displayed her facile touch and technique and brought out the rippling tones of the beautiful Knake Grand. It was a great pleasure to listen to this young lady's playing, undisturbed by the noisy echoes from the outer world, which do so much to spoil the Town Hall as a Concert Room for the performance of delicate music. Reissiger's "Grenadiers" was well suited to Hon. Mr. Scott's resonant notes. The last item on the programme of this very interesting concert was Robandi's melodious duet for voice and violin, performed by Mrs. Stanley Smith and Madame Koenig. It made a fitting finale to an evening which was a marked success from start to finish.

During the interval excellent refreshments were served, and many of the audience dispersed on to the verandahs. We understand the idea of holding the concert in Mr. Green's beautiful room originated with the Hon. Sec. (Mrs. Stanley Smith) and last night's concert practically shows how excellent a suggestion it was, and we may hope that the room may often in future be used for gatherings of a musical or social character. A statement as to the financial results of the concert which, judging by the audience, should be very satisfactory, will be published in a few days.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE VENEZUELAN INSURRECTION.

LONDON, February 7th.—The report of the sinking of the gunboat Libertador, belonging to the Venezuelan insurgents, has been denied.

FORGING A WILL.

INSURANCE AGENT SENTENCED.

London, February 7th.—An insurance agent has been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment at Edinburgh for forging what purported to be the will of the man Johnson, known as the hermit of Lathrisk.

BRITISH TRADE.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

London, February 8th.—During January, the British imports increased in value to the extent of £4,143,832 over the corresponding week of last year, while the exports decreased £498,957. These results are attributed to the fall in the price of coal and to the fact that the imports of sugar were double the usual quantity in anticipation of the Budget.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

THE TRANSFER TO AMERICA.

London, February, 7th.—The inhabitants of the Danish West Indies, which have been purchased by the United States, have been allowed two years in which to declare their allegiance to America.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

London, February 7th.—France has ordered a new first-class armoured cruiser, to cost £1,000 000. The vessel will be the largest ever built for the French Navy.

GERMANY AND THE POLES.

GERMAN HEALTH RESORTS SUFFER.

London, February 7th.—In consequence of the determination of the Poles in Eastern Prussia and elsewhere to boycott the Germans, the German health resorts are suffering.

The inhabitants of Galicia, a province of Austria-Hungary, 52 per cent. of whom are Poles, are joining in the boycott of the German health resorts.

THE BOER WAR.

EUROPEAN RECRUITS FOR BOTHA.

London, Feb. 7.—Seventy Europeans recently joined Botha, travelling from the coast, through Zululand, to the eastern Transvaal. They brought with them a new telegraph apparatus.

THE BOERS AND MR. KRUGER.

London, Feb. 8.—A Boer officer who has been sent from South Africa to visit Mr. Kruger has been interviewed on landing at Marseilles. He stated that the Boers had implicit confidence in Mr. Kruger, and added:—"He has only to pronounce the word; if he bids them submit, they will obey."

THE SHOOTING ACCIDENT AT NAIGAUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Now that the unfortunate accident at the Naigaum Tank has occurred in which a poor innocent lad lost his life, I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned through the medium of your paper the great danger of allowing shooting round about Sewri which is no longer a jungle as formerly, but is densely inhabited by the mill hands all the year round, and where at this time of the year shelter is taken from the ravages of that dire enemy plague by the refugee from Naigaum, Parel, Sewri as also Bombay.—Yours &c.

A PLAGUE REFUGEE.

Sewri Cross Road, 25th February.

LADY NORTHCOTE'S FANCY FETE.

THE Honorary Secretaries beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following contributions towards the Fete:—Mr. H. O. Quin, I. C. S., Rs. 100; Hon'ble Mr. S.M. Moses, a quantity of fine silks and a box of articles specially brought from Japan; Messrs. Aldridge Salmon & Co., Ltd., quantity of whisky, beer and liqueurs; Messrs. D. Merwan & Co. 1,000 cigarettes and some cigarette holders, Mr. Volubdhas Jamandas Davidas, a handsome bird cage; Messrs. Treacher & Co. have kindly offered to supply all the Soda Water which may be required for the Fete, and Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. have undertaken the decoration of the Fancy Bazaar stalls free of charge. Messrs. Keekabhoy Padumsey, Ludha Ebrahim and Hormusji Sorabji and sons have undertaken to supply a large quantity of furniture, bunting, lights, &c., for use at the Fete.

Mr. W. D. Sheppard begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following donation towards Lady Northcote's Dufferin Fund Fancy Fete, (Shannon River Branch):—Mr. Nemichand Girdhari (Banker, Sirur and Kaira) Rs. 250.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

HARMSTON'S Circus on the Maidan continues very popular. Changes of programme are frequent, and the entertainment is as interesting, and even more interesting than ever. The youngsters took a great interest in the draw for the gold and silver watches which were offered to visitors to the Circus at the matinee on Saturday afternoon, and adult visitors are just as interested as to where the bicycle, which was offered to them on the same terms, would go. It speaks well for the entertainment that public interest and enthusiasm continues so high for so long a period. The usual matinees will be held this week. This afternoon a special entertainment will be given for the youngsters, and on Saturday a similar performance will be given. Additional attractions are continually being announced.

At Harmston's Circus to-day there will be a Matinee. Souvenirs will be given to the children and the new programme, which is the best that the circus has yet presented, will be tendered. Among the new items, the grand garland entree is one of the prettiest acts that has been seen in any circus visiting Bombay. Eight ladies and gentlemen in rustic costumes go through a country dance on horseback, and all the most picturesque figures are performed just as they are done at rustic gatherings at Home. Another big feature is the "Olympian Pyramids," by the athletic corps. Thirty performers take part, and the tumbling of these artistes is remarkably clever, while the grouping in statesque poses is very artistic. The riding and trained horses continue to come in for the highest praise. The management have more surprises in store. Manager Love has received a cable advice that the famous lion Prince, which is to appear with the circus in a grand riding act on the back of an elephant during the Coronation season in India, had a narrow escape from a bullet while performing with the Fitzgerald Brothers circus in Australia. He escaped from his cage, but was luckily secured again. Herr Zaft and his great animal collection appear with Harmston's, and will be seen in Bombay next year.

MR. JOHN GUNN'S COMPANY.

THERE was another big house at the Novelty Theatre last night when Mr. John Gunn's London Gaiety Company presented the "Circus Girl" for the second time. The performance was even better than on Monday, and the house resounded with applause from rise to fall of the curtain. As "Biggs" Mr. Edward Lauri was again inimitable and applause was showered upon his efforts. Mr. J. A. Warden also as "Drivelli," the circus proprietor, again displayed his talent as a comedian. The songs and the music generally were charming, and the whole piece went with a swing that was very enjoyable. To-night, and to-morrow, "The Gaiety Girl" will be produced.

RAJKOT NOTES, AND NEWS.

OUR Rajkot correspondent writes under date the 23rd inst.:—Colonel Kennedy, the Political Agent, who was on tour in the districts, returned on the 5th instant. Mr. Souter, Superintendent, Agency Police, has also returned from tour. Mr. C. W. Waddington, Principal, Rajkumar College, returned from Calcutta, where he had been to attend the conference, in connection with the Chief's Colleges.

General Beatson, Inspector General of Imperial Service Troops, with Mrs. and Miss Beatson, were here last week, and were the guests of Mr. Waddington. They left on Sunday last.

His Highness Mansinghji, the Chief of Baria, arrived here, on a visit to his Kumars, who are being educated in the Rajkumar College and returned to his capital on the 11th idem.

A very melancholy event happened about a fortnight ago, in the Mission School. The boys were at play as usual, when one whilst running accidentally fell down and hurt himself against a cot, which was lying in the yard. The lad was picked up unconscious, and conveyed to the West Hospital, where he died shortly after admission. The cause of death was attributed to rupture of the spleen. The funeral was attended by all the boys of the school. The coffin was carried by six boys to the grave, and the funeral service was read by the Reverend Mr. Sinclair.

The Kathiawar Races are fixed to take place on the 27th instant, and 1st proximo. The race course presents a very busy appearance, as most of the stables entered have already sent their horses, viz, Syla, Porebander, and Virpur, and exercising is being vigorously carried out.

Kumar Shri Vijaysinghji, the youngest son of the Thakore Saheb of Syla, companion of the minor Thakore Saheb of Rajkot has been appointed permanent wing master, Rajkumar College, in addition to his present duties, Vijaysinghji is a good all round cricketer, and horseman, and the other Kumars of the college quite appreciate Mr. Waddington's selection.

The Parsi community here have been thrown into deep mourning by the sad death of Mrs. Kambatta, the wife of Mr. Kambatta, Private Secretary to Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy of Bombay. Mrs. Kambatta was the eldest daughter of Mr. Muncherjee Ruttonjee, one of the leading merchants of Kathiawar with whose family deep sympathy is felt by all castes and creeds. Mr. Takordas Narotamdas Patal, companion to the Minor Navab Saheb of Sachin, and his two brothers, will shortly sever his connection with the Sachin State, he having been appointed Karbhari of Sunth in Mahikantha. The appointment of Mr. Quin, I. C. S., to act as Political Agent, Kathiawar, meets with approval, as this gentleman is no stranger to the province, having been Administrator of Porebander for some time.

Miss Wickham, Lady doctor, in charge of the Zenana Hospital, having obtained nine months' leave, intends leaving for England next month. Miss Rutmabai, M. D. will act during Miss Wickham's absence. Miss Wickham, has had charge of the hospital ever since its opening and has done much in working it upto its present state of efficiency. Women from all parts of Kathiawar, readily come to seek admission into hospital, so much so that at times, special accommodation had to be made for the patients. During H. E. Lady Northcote's visit, her ladyship visited the Rusalkhanji Hospital, and expressed herself pleased with all that she saw there. Miss Wickham in addition to her duties in the hospital, enjoys an extensive practise in the Districts, her services being availed of by the Zenana Ladies of most of the ruling chiefs of Kathiawar.

Miss Milligan, European nurse attached to the Hospital, who has been connected with it from its foundation, having rendered good service, and worked to the entire satisfaction of Miss Wickham, has been promoted to matron with an increase of salary. Miss Wickham having strongly recommended both the increase and change of designation, to those concerned.

Polo, which was suspended for sometime, has again been resumed, with the return of Captain Talbot from tour. It is believed that a tournament will be played during the Race week. Several teams have entered for the cup presented by His Highness the Minor Jam Saheb of Jamnagar.

Our somewhat dull station will be en fete next week with the arrival of several visitors from the Districts, and in addition to Races, etc, other sports are to be organised.

The Remount Agent was here last week. It is believed he has purchased a few horses from the Rajkot State Paddock.

The climate is far from pleasant now, the very cool days and nights are now gone by, and the hot weather has already shown itself.

The new Telegraph Office is being rapidly pushed on, work being carried on both day and night. The office however will not be opened to the public in April, as was originally intended, but some time in May.

THE HOPE MILLS COMPANY.

APPLICATION TO WIND UP.

BEFORE the Hon. Mr. Justice Starling at the High Court yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Scott, instructed by Messrs. Matubhai, Jamietram and Madon, on behalf of Vussanjee Trecumjee and others, applied for an order for the winding up of the Hope Mills Company, Limited, and for the appointment of a receiver. The applicants, in support of their application, alleged that the Company was indebted to them to the extent of about a lakh and a half of rupees, which they had been unable to obtain payment of, although constant demands for the same had been made.

Mr. Davar, instructed by Messrs. Daphtary and Ferreira, on behalf of Rungildas Bhukandas, said his client was one of the secretaries and treasurers of the mill and was a shareholder to the extent of two lakhs of rupees. Mr. Davar said the mill had been mortgaged in the first instance to Sir Cowasji Jehangir for five lakhs, and afterwards to another person for three lakhs. He said that Sir Cowasji was now in possession of the mill and was working it at a profit for the benefit of the other persons. Under the circumstances he submitted it was unnecessary to make a winding up order, as it would only do harm to other creditors. He submitted that as the mill had been put up for sale and had not realised five lakhs, that the present application was only made to bring pressure to bear on some one connected with the mill. Mr. Davar also pointed out that if a liquidator was appointed, he would have no property to take possession of, and would only be the means of placing extra expenses on the company.

Mr. Inverarity, on behalf of the Commercial Bank creditors for a lakh and twenty thousand, Mr. Dunkerly, creditor for Rs. 7,000 and others supported Mr. Davar, pointing out that the order applied for was undesirable, and the appointment of a liquidator unnecessary.

Mr. Scott, in reply, submitted that the court could not take notice of the unsupported statements about the mill being worked at a profit. He reminded the Court his clients could not get their money. Under the circumstances he submitted his application should be granted.

Mr. Justice Starling, in disposing of the matter, said it appeared that there were two mortgagees in the case one for five and the other for three lakhs of rupees. The mortgagee for five lakhs had already put up the mill for sale, and as he could not secure enough to pay his own debts, his lordship assumed that the mill was not worth more than five lakhs. The first mortgagee was now in possession and that being so, the court was asked to appoint a liquidator. His lordship did not see what property the liquidator could take possession of, and considered he could not oust the first mortgagee. It would, he said, be a farce to appoint a liquidator to take possession of that which did not exist, as it would only mean expenses being incurred. Under the circumstances, Mr. Justice Starling dismissed the petition with costs.

HARBOURING DACOITS IN A JUNGLE.

MR. W. G. RALE, special first class Magistrate in Khandesh, in September last, convicted Kisansing walad Thansing of harbouring dacoits and sentenced him to two years' rigorous imprisonment. The accused, having failed in his appeal to the Sessions Judge of Khandesh, appealed to the High Court, and the appeal was disposed of on Thursday before the Hon. Mr. Justice Candy and the Hon Mr. Justice Fulton. Mr. Raikes, with the Hon Mr. D. A. Khare, appeared for the accused.

The facts of the case were these. Krisanajee Vithal the chief constable of Sairpur, complained that Arjuna walad Kalu Bhil of Taluka Sakri had been a notorious dacoit, had formed a gang of dacoits, and had committed dacoities for about a year and a half. Arjuna's gang used frequently to resort to the jungle of Khambala, where the accused used to harbour them by supplying them secretly with bread and other provisions, and to withhold from the police any information about the movements of the gang, which used to hide itself in the jungle of Khambala, and commit dacoities in the neighbouring villages. They committed a dacoity in the limits of the Agra Road in January 1901; and at Karwand and at Sangwi in February 1901. They committed another dacoity at Tajapur at the end of May, a dacoity at Ahilapur on the 7th June, and two more dacoities at Sangwi in June and July 1901. The accused purchased a double-barrelled gun from one Dadhu Bhil for Rs. 42 and supplied it to Arjun, receiving from the latter some silver ornaments instead. He also supplied bread to Arjuna and his gang on two occasions through Dadhu Bhil while the gang was in the jungle of Khambala. One Gulba Vanjari, of Arjun's gang, was sized at the accused's village by a surprise party. Some ornaments stolen in dacoities were found with him. It was elicited in the enquiry that Gulba and eight or ten other persons from Khambala were present in committing the Tajapari dacoity. Arjuna's brother's wife Rabi used to live at Khambala and to obtain grain from the accused and to supply bread to Arjuna's gang in the jungle. She boltedwhen Gulba was seized. The complainant's statement was fully corroborated by the evidence in the case. Witness Mangla stated that one morning, he was outside his house in front of the accused's house, when he saw Arjuna dacoit and his wife Saku coming out from the accused's house. Arjuna then had a double-barrelled gun on his shoulder. On the evidence the accused was convicted and sentenced as mentioned above.

Their lordships saw no reason to interfere and dismissed the appeal.

THE STORY OF A BRACELET.

AT the High Court, Original Side, the Hon. Mr. Justice Starling, heard yesterday a suit brought by Sorabjee and Jamsetjee Khan, jewellers of Elphinstone Circle, against Babu Shoshi Bhoosan Sani and another. Mr. Davar and Mr. Bahadurjee, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Kazi Kabiroodin, appeared for the second defendant. The first defendant appeared in person.

The plaintiff's case was that, on the 12th March 1901, they entrusted to the defendants as working jewellers, diamonds and gold, valued at Rs. 4,994-9-9, for the purpose, of being made up into bracelet. The defendants, they alleged had failed to execute the work or return the valuables, alleging that on the night of the 19th March the property was stolen from their place of business at Kalbadevie. The plaintiffs claimed that under the circumstances the defendants were liable for the amount claimed, together with the cost of the suit.

The first defendant submitted that the second defendant was not his partner, and that the value of the property handed to him did not exceed Rs. 3,000. When his shop was broken into, property valued at between seven and eight thousand rupees was stolen, but no trace of the thieves had been discovered by the police. He submitted he was not liable to make good the loss to the plaintiffs. The second defendant contended that he was a workman in the employ of the first defendant, and was not responsible for the safe custody of the valuables. He alleged he was absent from Bombay when the robbery was committed, and submitted that the suit should be dismissed with costs.

During the day Mr. Sorabji Hormusji Khan, one of the plaintiffs was examined in regard to his firm's transactions with the defendants, and stated that the property, mentioned in the suit was handed over to the second defendant.

TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Transport Syria will sail for South Africa on 1st March with the following drafts:—1st East Kent Regiment, 1st Royal Fusiliers, 2nd West Riding Regiment, and 1st West Yorks Regiment—from Colaba Depot. 2nd Connaught Rangers, 1st Royal West Surrey Regiment, and 2nd Royal Scots.—From Deolali Depot.

The Drafts from Deolali will be railed to Sassoon Dock, for embarkation in a special mixed troop train which is timed to arrive there at 6 a.m. on 1st March.

THE EMBARKATION OF PILGRIMS FROM BOMBAY.

THE Anjuman-I-Islam of Bombay have again made a representation to the Government of India through the local Government that although they have relaxed the restrictions upon the Hedjaz Pilgrims to a certain extent, permitting them to embark from Porebunder, yet the hardships of the pilgrims have not been mitigated in an appreciable degree in as much as that port does not afford the required facilities for procuring passengers and consequently very few vessels care to go there. The pilgrims have very often to wait for months, their resources are being exhausted and they are obliged to return home without having attained their object. The Anjuman has been informed that about 150 such pilgrims are in Bombay and other places. They have therefore requested the Government to reconsider their decision in this matter and permit pilgrims to embark from Bombay.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

NOTES ON LACROSSE.

LONDON, FEB. 7.

WHILE the Northern Rugby Union championship has been decided three months before the football season ends, that of the Association League remains on the lap of the gods. Sunderland are very favourably placed, and that is all that it is safe to say concerning them. They have twelve matches yet to play—equally divided between their own and "foreign" grounds, and while it is reasonable to suppose that their present substantial advantage over Everton is sufficient to allow for some possible slips, one is bound to take into account the uncertainties of form at the end of the season. The improbable is always happening in the football field, as it happened, for instance, at Everton in the replayed Cup ties last week. Preceding matches, the ground, comparison of form, prowess in the League competition—everything, in short, pointed to a Cup tie triumph for Everton. "Everything" pointed in the wrong direction, for Liverpool won rather easily. Thus it may be in the Association League competition, and until Sunderland are able, like Broughton Rangers amongst Northern Union teams, to say that it is impossible for another team to catch them there is no use in hailing them as the champions. If Sunderland had lost on Saturday at Birmingham and if Everton had won outright at Shefield there would have been a fine quickening of interest, but neither of these things happened, and Sunderland's chances were materially improved. Two of the losing teams in the League came together on Saturday. Manchester City and Notts County made a long, hard struggle, and right at the end the Manchester team scored a winning goal. There are few who have much confidence in the power of Manchester City to lift themselves out of the present season's slough, and their fourth victory seems more likely to have as its chief feature an influence on the selection of the second team for retirement to the Second Division. At the same time it must be noted that those who are responsible for the management of the Manchester City club are making vigorous if belated efforts to energise the team. There was Hillman playing for them on Saturday, and keeping goal in the first-rate style that one expects from an international. The forward rank is to be strengthened by the immediate transference of two Glasgow Celtic men, M'Oustra and Drummond, and there are hints that the recent "capture," as these engagements of new players are stupidly called, have not all been listed.

The contest for the Association Cup promises to be more than ever a struggle between North and South. Reading and Portsmouth and Bristol Rovers are in the second round, and to-day it may be decided whether last year's winners, Tottenham Hotspur, or Southampton are to complete the quartet. It is clear that the period when the professional clubs of the North and Midlands had matters all their own way in the Cup ties is at an end. The quickening of interest in the struggle for the Cup has been, in the South, of slow growth. Southampton have done most to help it forward, and Tottenham Hotspur last year reaped the first fruits of Southern perseverance. Of professional football in the South it is said now, "Our premier clubs can with confidence face the best of the elevens of Lancashire, Yorkshire, and the Black Country. The manner in which the levelling-up process has been accomplished is, of course, no secret. Players of proved ability have been unblushingly imported." In this method of achieving their end the clubs of the South have only paid to those of the North the compliment of imitation. Manchester City's "importations" from Scotland this week are a case in point. The argument that each club should develop the material to be found in its own locality is excellent in a way, but the trouble of such a process is recognised to be great, and it is easier and simpler, even if it is more expensive, to buy football skill that is already developed. There have now been nine drawn games in the first round for the Cup. Seven of the draws were on Saturday week. On Wednesday Manchester City and Preston North End played a second draw at Deepdale, and in the South the Cupholders and Southampton each scored two goals. The "Pall Mall Gazette" unkindly comments on these draws as accidental or otherwise. The writer is tempted by this season's remarkable number of draws "to suggest that the indecisive results may not have been in every instance a pure accident. A Cup tie is a veritable gold mine." Quite so, but a Cup tie in the second round is infinitely more valuable than one in the first, and no team cares to remain longer in doubt than is absolutely necessary. There is really no substantial ground for suggesting that these Cup tie draws are brought about by corrupt influences, and one has sufficient faith in the men who control the affairs of professional football to know that they would give the club that attempted trickery a very short shrift, there is no accounting for the unusual number of draws we have seen this season. Some say that they are brought about by the anxiety of players to defend rather than to attack, but although this argument may be applied in the case of Preston North End and Manchester City it certainly is no good in considering those matches, like Aston Villa v. Stock, Liverpool v. Everton, or Tottenham Hotspur v. Southampton, where the scoring has been two goals all.

If the two drawn games still undecided are finished to-day, the first round will be at last complete Derby County having on Saturday won their postponed match at Blackburn very comfortably. In the second round, which will be played next Saturday, there are amongst the most interesting encounters Newcastle United v. Sunderland, Reading v. Portsmouth, and Sheffield United v. Bolton Wanderers. The winners of to-day's match at Preston have to meet Notts Forest, and Liverpool will travel South to meet the winners of to-day's match at Reading. Bolton Wanderers, a Bolton correspondent writes, will make a good fight at Sheffield, but the "rot" which they developed in their League game at Grimsby on Saturday does not inspire any confidence in this forecast. The Rugby Union international ended, as was expected, in a triumph for Wales. A Scotland fifteen has not been victorious in Wales since 1892, and Wales won on Saturday by superiority in all departments of the game. Before the game started one heard much of the fine capabilities of the Scottish scrummages, but ten minutes of the play dispelled these promising stories and one saw the home forwards carrying the game not only in the tight scrummagges but excelling also in footwork. Because of the splendid work done in front the Wales backs had early chances. The leader of the Wales forwards, G. Booth, has stated his opinion that the Wales eight was one of the best that ever turned out for an international. In a hard game "condition" told, and the Wales players were able to stay right to the finish. Wales were so conspicuously the better team that all-round success this season is now confidently anticipated. Broughton Rangers were made sure of championship honours on Monday when Halifax beat Oldham. They could afford, therefore, to take their defeat at the hands of Swinton in a comfortable spirit, but this was the first time their colours have been lowered on their own ground this season. Victory went to Swinton principally because of superior half-back play. The Rangers' pair were slow in their passing and not quite up to the Swinton degree of smartness, and the three-quarters too were in poor playing form. Swinton played a winning game all through. The halves were everywhere, the full back, one is told, was "worth two men," Wallwork was the best of the three-quarters and "Bob" Valentine distinguished himself in a fashion that was only open to one objection—failure to recognise the existence of colleagues. A number of Northern Rugby Union matches were postponed because of frostbound grounds. A topic that borders on the ridiculous is interesting Northern Union circles just now. Under the rules all professional players must have a bona-fide occupation other than football. Two brothers have complied with the rules by joining in partnership in a small business. The authorities have ruled that the business is only a sufficient compliance with the rules so far as one brother is concerned, and they have prohibited the other brother from playing football for his club until he obtains other "employment."

An arrangement, however, may yet be arrived at. Scarcity of foxes, owing to the spread of fruit-growing

and a heavy bill for losses of poultry, are the causes assigned for the resignation by Captain Standish of the mastership of the West Humbledon hounds, whose territory lies in Hants. Mr. Steyning Beard, who has been master of the Brookside harrier's for upwards of thirty years, intends to retire at the end of the season. This is an old-established pack of harriers, having been formed during the eighteenth century; only three masters have presided over it since 1820. A very deplorable state of affairs obtains in some hunting districts of Ireland. It is stated that the Irish United League has passed resolutions at all its branches to stop hunting by all possible means. However this may be, it is certain that the peasantry in the country of the Roscommon stag-hounds are showing determined hostility to the sport. Since the season opened no fewer than five fine stags belonging to the hunts have been killed, maliciously and designedly, and latterly a couple of hounds shared a similar fate. Nothing can excuse—certainly no political differences—such outrages. It is probably that Mr. Jackson, now master of the Roscommon staghounds, will resign at the end of the season, but at a recent meeting of members of the hunt it was decided to make every effort to carry it on. The minds of generations of masters of hounds and hunt secretaries have been disturbed by the formidable proportions which claims for poultry supposed to have been killed by foxes not infrequently assume. To see a poultry bill totalling up to several hundreds of pounds one would suppose that the chief diet of foxes consisted of fowls of the more valuable breeds and that poultry-farming was a staple industry of the district. It is to be feared that, as a matter of fact, these claims are sometimes exhorbitant and unreasonable. Some years ago, in a country of the shires which need not be particularised, a very large bill for poultry was received at head-quarters, and competent judges affirmed that the amount was more than sufficient to purchase every fowl in the district. Both tact and experience are needed satisfactorily to settle these claims. On the one hand, it is most important that genuine claims should be settled in full; on the other, it behoves those who have the disposal of the fund to see that they are not defrauded by unscrupulous persons. In a hunting country poultry raisers should exercise reasonable precautions. If their birds are allowed to stray loose at night they will inevitably be picked up sooner or later by prowling foxes. It is certain that we should hear less of claims for losses of poultry if farmers and others were more careful to keep their fowls shut up until people were about in the morning, for the fox usually times his raids towards dawn or shortly afterwards. The climatic conditions at the time of writing are extremely unsettled, and whether the balance will incline to mild weather or hard remains to be determined. The frost has only affected the surface of the ground, and should a decided thaw set in hunting could be resumed immediately.

Throughout the Midland and Northern England hunting was only possible on one day last week. Although the ground was exceedingly deep and holding, fairly good sport was obtained on Tuesday and then winter returned with renewed severity, its rigours enhanced by a piercing gale from the north-east. Saturday was one of the coldest days experienced in London for several years, although the mercury did not fall much below the freezing-point. The impending retirement of Mr. T. C. Garth after half a century of active work as M. F. H. was announced some weeks ago. At a meeting of subscribers and members held recently it was unanimously decided that the hunt should bear his name in future as some recognition of the valuable services, Mr. Garth rendered to the cause of fox-hunting during his long term of office. He is to be succeeded as Master by Mr. R. H. Gosling. The Garth hunt was founded towards the close of the eighteenth century and there have been no more than four masters during the last 92 years. Mr. H. Barber has accepted office with the South Oxfordshire, hounds, in succession to Mr. H. G. Pease. Mr. R. C. Swan, who took over the Morpeth country from Mr. Cookson in 1894, intends to stand down at the end of the season. Mr. Swan devoted much attention to hound breeding and got together such an excellent pack that when sent to Messrs. Tattersall to be sold at auction some weeks ago they realised no less than 3,000 guineas. Mr. Mr. Cresswell, now master of the Percy hounds, was the purchaser, and at the end of the season, he will replace Mr. Swan in command of the Morpeth. The future of the Percy foxhounds is somewhat uncertain. The Duke of Northumberland offered to hunt the country at least twice a week at his own expense subject to certain conditions, which included the raising of a yearly fund of not less than £1,000. This fund was to be used to take down and replace wire, to settle claims for damages, and for various other purposes connected with hunting. It was to be managed by a committee and an essential part of the scheme provided that the committee, "by agreement with landlords and tenants, should exercise, or supervise the exercise of, the rights of owners and occupiers with regard to the snaring and trapping of ground game." At a general meeting of the members of the hunt these proposals were discussed, and a resolution was passed thanking the Duke for his generous offer but regretting that the inherent difficulties of the scheme precluded its adoption.

The results of the two county Lacrosse matches in the South came as a surprise. Cheshire and Middlesex at Lord's played a fast and stiffly contested game. The visitors did most of the attacking, but Scott in goal was in marvellous form, and Middlesex put on the first point. This was shortly followed by another for the home team, who crossed over with a lead of three to one. Middlesex continued to present an obstinate defence, against which the visiting attacks made little headway, although they did most of the pressing. Lavy was in capital form for the home team, and, assisted by weakness in the Cheshire back division in the neighbourhood of second home, he and his colleagues kept the scoring fairly level. The Cheshire attacks, however, could not be completely kept out, and, putting on four goals during the second half, they got on even terms with their opponents, but were unable to score a winning point, and the game thus ended in a draw of five goals all. The teams were:—Cheshire: C. P. Mason, Harold Mason, W. Battersby, B. Mason, F. and L. Johnson, Harry Mason, H. Sutton, A. Johnson, A. Mason, G. Mason, and W. Heaward. Middlesex: C. H. Scott, H. C. Hind, J. Lupton, C. F. Hadfield, W. Chapman, V. Gilbey, J. J. Cawthra, A. Rayner, A. W. Lavy, H. C. Drummond, W. Crosbie, and F. Spiers. At Leyton Lancashire met Essex, and the latter team was composed entirely of Woodford players. The first half went all in favour of the visitors, who gave a fine exhibition of the game and did what they pleased with the usually powerful home defence, and although Essex were the first to score, Lancashire kept scoring goals with monotonous regularity, holding the substantial lead of eight goals to one at the interval. The second portion was more even, partly owing to an improvement by Essex and a resting on their oars by the Northerners, who had no difficulty in coming off victorious by nine goals to three. Teams:—Lancashire: C. H. Smith, R. Parker-Smith, H. Lees B. Parker-Smith, D. Du Val, J. Parker-Smith, F. Oldham, F. Stubbs, H. Oldham, W. Mason, H. Arunde and J. Robinson. Essex: W. H. Joliffe, F. Wiggins E. A. Taylor, F. Mundy, H. E. Ramsey, R. F. Orr, D Tossetti, J. B. Knight, W. M. Knight, S. G. Hough, G. Tossetti, and C. R. Reed. While these two matches were in progress reserve teams of Lancashire and Cheshire tride conclusions at Stockport. With a much larger field for selection, Lancashire proved considerably the stronger lot, especially in the first half, when their superiority was particularly marked. The visiting attack was very strong, and excellent form was shown by Barber (Cheetham), Coop (Ashton) and Neill (Albert Park). The Lancashire Reserves won by nine goals to two. An interesting match has been arranged for next Saturday on the Albert Park ground, between teams representing the second and third divisions of the League. Although the second division ought always to prove victorious, a good twelve can be found in the lowest group, and the inauguration of the meeting last season produced an excellent game. The teams will be selected to-morrow.

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THE INDO-BRITISH INSTITUTION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR PRESENT.

At the Town Hall yesterday afternoon was held the annual meeting of the Indo-British Institution, H. E. Lord Northcote, the Governor of Bombay, presided and the prizes gained by the students of the institution were destributed by Mrs. Candy. The following were amongst those present:—

The Hon. Mr. Justice Candy, the Venerable Archdeacon Scott, the Hon. Mr. Justice Starling, Mr. J. H. Du Boulay (Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor), Mr. T. J. Strangman (Hon. Treasurer) and the Rev. H. F. Lord (Hon. Secretary).

THE REPORT.

The Report, which was taken as read, was as follows:—

In presenting the report for the year 1901 it may be well to notice that 47 applications for admission were made, but only fourteen actually entered the schools. The others for various reasons did not take advantage of their election, in most cases owing to inability or disinclination to pay the small fees asked for. Of those admitted eight have been placed on the Government list of Destitute children. Altogether 11 boys and 9 girls came into residence, the remaining six having been elected in 1900. Nine boys left, during the year, and from the girls' side fifteen left of whom only six had finished their course. It is a feature to be regretted that the number in the girls' school shows a steady and continuous decline. The year began with 25 on the roll and ends with only 17. The number of the boys is at the same time maintained. The day scholars have advanced from 15 to 21. Mr. Thomas was appointed Head Master of the Boys' School in April, and at the same time Mrs. Dudley was selected to be Matron. Mr. Thomas has worked energetically and carried his assistant teachers with him so that a marked advance is observable in the children and their studies. The health of the children has been good during the year. Any cases of sickness requiring medical treatment were sent to the European General Hospital, where they always received kind attention. The boys have entered keenly into Sports. They entered for the Junior Cricket competition and made a very good fight with the Fort Proprietory High School against which they were drawn. They played a tie at the first attempt but lost at the second. In addition they have played sixteen matches during the season of which they won eight and lost eight. On turning to the more serious matter of study it may be recorded that six standards were being taught in the Boys' and six in the Girls' School. The Schools were inspected by Mr. T. C. Coverton, Educational Inspector N. D.—the Boys' on Oct. 31st and the Girls' on Nov. 1st, 1901. After the strenuous efforts which had been made to increase and improve the teaching staff it was greately to be wished that Mr. Wright who inspected the previous year might have done so again in and thus noted any improvement which has been attained. The general condition of work may be considered fair though in certain points there are serious weaknesses to be remedied. It is encouraging to note the Inspector's remark that "fairly successful" efforts to make up the way has been made. Acceding to the request of the managing committee the Rev. S. Leigh-Lye kindly examined the schools in religious knowledge on Jan. 20, 1902. It may be considered distinctly satisfactory, especially when it is borne in mind that the subjects examined in had in several cases not been taught for over two months, before the examination as the classes had changed. The word "excellent" used of the work done by the two head girls could hardly be improved upon. An important change was made in the autumn in a long existing custom. The children had hitherto been allowed to spend the first Friday night and Saturday of each month at home with relations or friends. It was felt that this custom interfered considerably with the discipline of the school, some children being asked by friends to localities not at all desirable. The hardship caused by this change is not great as it was a privilege which only those who had friends or relations in Bombay could enjoy, while no prohibition has ever been placed on the children being visited in the Schools. In August the Rev. T. Davis retired from the Secretaryship which he had so effectually carried on for twelve months. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him by the managing committee. His place was taken by the Rev. Hugh F. Lord who had recently been appointed to the Incumbency of Holy Trinity Church. The year began with 39 on the Roll of the Boys' School and ended with 44 and 4 day scholars. In the Girls' School the year began with 25 boarders and 15 day scholars and ended with 17 boarders and 16 day scholars. A perusal of the donation and subscription lists shows an increase of Rs. 300. But the shadow of anxiety which always hangs over the managing body can never be removed till there is an advance in the amount raised by regular monthly and quarterly subscriptions. Altogether the receipts during 1901 were Rs. 400 in advance of 1900, an increase which calls for gratitude and also raises the hope that it will be maintained. The Committee further records its most hearty thanks to the Lady Northcote Work Guild for the gift of Rs. 200 which provided clothing both for the boys and girls; and to Mrs. Stothard Hon. Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Dorcas Class, Lanoull. Three of the Masonic Lodges again came to the aid of the Institution with the substantial donation of Rs. 600, of which Rs. 500 were due to the generosity of Lodge S. George. In conclusion the committee heartily thank the many friends of the Institution for their continued support. The great wish is to see the commodious School buildings utilized to their full capacity. The same teaching staff is required whether the numbers are small or large. Knowing the greatness of the work which the Institution might do, and the real need there is for accepting a larger number of the applicants as boarders the Committee cannot but look forward to an even larger support in the future. The Committee is brought face to face with the needs of the poor at the European and Eurasian communities and can thus give an assurance to supporters of this Institution of its value and the great need of its being placed in a position to train, and in some cases even rescue more young children from a position which can but land them in the undesirable class of loafers unless brought under the full influence of a Christian Education.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The Ven. Archdeacon Scott said that before proceeding to move the adoption of the report, he would like to be permitted to read a short letter from the Bishop's Chaplain, apologizing for being unable to attend the meeting. Having read this letter he said he found himself in a somewhat difficult position. He had to move the adoption of a report which had not been read to the meeting, and which had only been placed in his hands a minute or two previously. He, therefore, would touch very briefly upon certain points mentioned in it. He saw that the new headmaster had worked very energetically and had carried his assistant teachers with him, so that marked progress was observable in the children and their studies. Another point to be noticed was the fresh departure as regarded the catering of the schools, the headmaster and headmistress, showing that they had the interests of the institution at heart, had been willing to take upon themselves a great deal of extra labour, and to arrange for catering themselves instead of through the medium of a contractor so that, whilst there had been a slight saving in the expenditure, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the children received nourishing and wholesome food. As to the report of the Educational Inspector, although it described the condition of the School as "fairly successful," it might be better. The report of the Rev. F. S. Lely, who kindly examined the Schools in religious knowledge might be considered distinctly satisfactory. In the girls' school the work "excellent" was used in regard to the work of the head girls and that could hardly be improved upon. Then when they came to the absorbing question of finance, they found also that that was very satisfactory. The receipts for the year, 1901, were Rs. 400 in advance of those for 1900, but if it had not been for this increase in receipts, it was impossible to imagine how the expense of engaging two extra teachers in accordance with the requirements of the Educational Inspector could have been met. It was a very remarkable thing in the chequered existence of the institution, and no one who had followed its course for several years could deny that its existence was a chequered one, that notwithstanding the many crises through which the institution had passed, it had always been able by the blessing of God to continue its work. Although it had been in low water it had never actually sunk underneath the surface. Not long ago he was speaking to one of the Chaplains in the Bombay Establishment on the subject of offertories and subscriptions generally, and that gentleman made the following remark to him: "Well, there is one thing I am sure people must be heartily sick of, and that is the Indo-British Institution, Wherever they go, all over the Presidency, they are immediately dunned for it." He (the speaker) was very thankful to find that His Excellency, the Governor, though he must have been the target of many such dunnings, was not disgusted with the institution and was not prevented from showing his interest in it by being present there that afternoon. One of the fundamental conditions of the institution was that of perpetual importunity. It existed on voluntary contributions and it was very natural that people who had to move about from one part of the presidency to the other—it was almost inevitable that they should be made the subjects of a repetition of appeals for the institution. The institution existed for the proper training and education of the very poor and of the very poor of a class which it was very important they should help. It was one of the growing problems in India as to what was to be the future of the class for which that institution was meant and any one who gave a rupee or eight annas to it was doing his mite towards the solution of the problem. The finances of the institution were very generously contributed by the subscriptions of people in receipt of good incomes, but he wished that other people would contribute, a rupee or eight annas a month, say to it. This would not be felt by them and it would add materially to the success of the school. He was sure the new secretary Mr. Lord would be very much encouraged if the next day's post inundated him with promises of such small subscriptions. He had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the report (applause).

The Hon. Mr. Justice Fulton formally seconded the motion which was carried by acclamation.

An excellent programme of music, songs, and drills was then tendered by the children, a pleasing feature of it being a capital performance of "Kow Tow! Kow Tow! to the Great Ten How, from San Toy." The children's efforts were all much enjoyed and were heartily applauded.

The prizes were then handed to the successful scholars by Mrs. Candy.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

The prizes having been distributed, His Excellency the Governor, who was received with applause, said: Ladies and Gentlemen,—My first very pleasant duty is to congratulate the teachers and pupils in the Indo-British Institution upon the satisfactory manner in which their exercises and recitations have been performed this afternoon. It does not appear from your annual report that the past year has been a sensational one in the history of the Institution. The marked falling off in the number of girl students is, however, greatly to be regretted, and is, I trust, only temporary in its character. At the present moment when many of those most interested in education in India are striving to induce Hindu and Mahomedan parents to show greater zeal in the education of their daughters; and the display of any apathy in this respect by a body of Christian parents would be a deplorable comment on such efforts as I have referred to. The educational reports are fairly satisfactory, but I regret to see that, notably in geography and arithmetic, the same fault has to be found two years in succession. I know Mr. Thomas has not long been at the helm, and I am aware of the difficulties under which the Institution must necessarily work in consequence of its limited and financial resources. I, therefore, only express a confident hope that next year's report will show an improvement in these particular matters. There are two points I should like to briefly refer to—the first is to express on behalf of all who are interested in this Institution, our grief at the death of Lord Dufferin that distinguished statesman who laid its foundation-stone some eighteen years ago. I also wish to say how much all present must regret that Mrs. Candy, who has taken so deep an interest in, and done so much for the Institution is about to leave these shores. Whilst wishing her all happiness at home, we cannot but feel how great a loss this Institution sustains by her departure, and I can only sincerely trust new and true friends will be found to supply her vacancy. Lastly, I would remark with what pleasure I read of the general good state of health in the Institution, of the high commendations its students, notably its girls, have obtained in respect of their religious knowledge, and also of the success and energy the boys have shown in their games, I trust that this Institution which has now existed for more than sixty years, may continue to go on and prosper, and I thank you most sincerely for your welcome this day to myself. (Applause.)

VOTES OF THANKS.

Mr. Justice Candy proposed a vote of thanks to his Excellency Lord Northcote for his kindness in presiding. He said the vote was sometimes called a formal vote. If by that was meant that it was proposed in due form no doubt the description was appropriate. But if it implied that it was a mere matter of formality, then they all disagreed because he was sure he was interpreting the feelings of the meeting when he said that they all cordially thanked his Excellency for finding time amongst his many pressing engagements to come there and give them his kindly cheery words and encouragement. (Applause.) His Excellency might be sure that the visit from the head of the Presidency would act like a tonic to all interested in the institution from the smallest wee mite of a child to the master and mistress and to the members of the Committee, and they were all very grateful to his Excellency for attending. Their only regret was that they had not been able to shew him their Schools and the hall in which they generally held their Society.

In seconding Mr. Justice Starling called for three cheers for his Excellency, and also for Mrs. Candy in recognition of the very good works she had done on behalf of the institution.

The scholars heartily responded, and the cheers having been given, the meeting terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL COMMANDING THE FORCES, BOMBAY.

Office of the Deputy Adjutant-General, Bombay Command, Poona, 21st February 1902.

Lieut Col C E Harman, Offig Asst Adjt Genl is posted to the Deesa Dist.

The Lieut Genl Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments:—

5th Bombay Cavalry—Capt C A F Hocken Squadron Officer to be 4th Squadron Comdr pro tem vice Capt O M J Da Costa seconded on appointment to the Supply and Transport Corps.

17th Bombay Infantry—Lieut G J G Young I M S to the medical charge pro tem vice Capt W S P Ricketts I M S on Field Service.

29th Baluch Infantry—Capt W N Hay Adjt to be 4th Double Co Comdr pro tem vice Capt J A Hannyngton seconded whilst employed as Comdt Jubaland Camel Corps and to remain seconded whilst holding the appointment of Adjt.

The undermentioned officers from British Regts posted to the Bombay Command will on arrival in India be attached as Supernumeraries to the Battalions specified with a view to qualifying for appointment to the Indian Staff Corps:—Lieut F C Moore 2nd Battn Hampshire Regt to 2nd Battn Suffolk Regt; 2nd Lieut S H P Smith 1st Battn Leicestershire Regt to 2nd Battn Royal Scots; 2nd Lieut R D C McLeod 2nd Battn Hampshire Regt to 1st Battn Cheshire Regt and 2nd Lieut K L E H M Heath 1st Battn Welsh Regt to 1st Battn Cheshire Regt.

Royal Army Medical Corps—The following transfer is ordered—Major T H Corkery from the Poona Dist to the Deesa Dist and is appointed to the medical charge of Station Hospital Mount Abu.

The following appointment has been ordered—Capt L K Stan-brough from No 76 Co R G A to Divisional Adjt R G A Gosport.

The undermentioned Officers have passed an examination in Urdu as follows—Lower Standard—Lieut E L Caldecott No 73 Co late No 18 Co Western Division R G A; Lieut J Dorgan R A M C; 2nd Lieut J A Brett No 73 Co late No 18 Co Western Divn R G A; and 2nd Lieut A G Lyell Unattached List attached to 1st Battn Cheshire Regt.

The undermentioned Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on private affairs under the Leave Rules for the Staff Corps the specified period to count from date of being struck off duty—Major M E Carthew Yorstoun Staff Corps 2nd in Comd 4th Bo Cavy for one year Pension Service twenty second year commenced 23rd May 1901.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on private affairs under Article 980 Army Regulations India Vol I P I the specified period to count from date of being struck duty—Condr J Williams Ordnance Dept for twelve months.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate—Cond H Brazier Military Works Services for twelve months.

The undermentioned Officers have leave of absence:—Royal Field Artillery—Major R G Strange 29th Battery out of India for eight months on private affairs; Major H E Stoozdale 18th Battery out of India from 22nd March to 31st Oct on private affairs; Lieut H de C Martelli 40th Battery out of India for eight months on private affairs; 2nd Lieut F G Sanders 15th Battery out of India for six months on private affairs; Royal Garrison Artillery—Capt A M Colvile No 36 Co out of India from 1st March to 16th Aug on private affairs; Lieut N D'A Fitz Gerald No 76 Co out of India for six months on private affairs; 5th Bombay Cavalry—Capt R L Benwell for one day 13th Dec 1901 in extension of leave out of India; Unattached List—2nd Lieut C O Hay attached to 2nd Battn Royal Scots to England for one year from date of departure on medical certificate; and Royal Army Medical Corps—Major R J Windle out of India for six months on private affairs.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. F. NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 26th February, 1902.

1. The date of opening the Camp of Instruction has been finally fixed for the 8th March 1902, as so few Members have notified their ability to attend during the 1st week in March.

Printed instructions for guidance regarding the Camp can now be had at Head-quarters.

2. All Members can, on application to Head-Quarters, obtain a Schedule of Instruction to be carried out at Camp.

3. Letters A, B and C Companies will parade at 8 p.m., on Thursday the 27th instant, at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground.

Dress—Drill order. Plain clothes.
Refreshments will be provided.

4. Letter D Company will parade on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 5 p.m., at the Telegraph Quarters, Waudby Road

Dress:—Drill Order, plain clothes.

Attendance at the above parades to count as Commanding Officer's Parade.

5. The Officer Commanding A Company requests that all Members of the Company will attend Camp from evening of 15th to morning of 23rd March.

6. There will be drill for all Recruits every Thursday evening, at 5 o'clock behind the Telegraph Quarters, Waudby Road, until further orders.

7. There will be a parade for all N.-C. Officers on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 7 a.m. at the back of the Town Hall.

Dress—Drill order, plain clothes. Subject of instruction—Duties of Section Commanders.

8. The following Member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to E Company:—No. 5333 Vol V C Burrows.

9. There will be no Commanding Officer's Parade on Saturday next, the 1st proximo.

10. The Range will be reserved for Class Firing on Saturday next, the 1st proximo from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Members who have not yet completed their Class Firing are reminded that the Range will be finally closed from the 1st proximo.

All Members not yet completed are requested to avail themselves of this last opportunity of doing so.

By Order,
F. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

THE FAR EAST.

ANOTHER RISING IN NORTH CHINA.

TUNG FU-HSIAN'S TROOPS PLUNDERING.

ANTI-FOREIGN PLACARDS.

A SHANGHAI telegram, dated January 31st, says:—The Viceroy of Kansu is greatly alarmed owing to the fact that the troops of the notorious Tung Fu-hsian, who are all armed with modern weapons, have risen and are plundering in the north.

The news has caused great anxiety in Court circles.

INCITEMENTS AGAINST FOREIGNERS.

Atrocious anti-foreign placards are again being posted in various places in Hsianfu. They predict that there will be a general massacre of foreigners after Chinese New Year, and exhort members of the secret societies to prepare for the event. The local authorities are endeavouring to trace the placards to their source with a view to the punishment of those responsible for them.

News received by Shanghai mandarins from Esian states that numerous anti-foreign placards in the name of the "Independence Society of Shen-Kan and Hukuang provinces" have been recently posted on all the gates of that city, calling upon "all revolutionary societies and all who have the independence and welfare of the Empire at heart to join in a national armed rising in the month of February against all foreigners found within the Empire. The principal members of this new "Independence Society" are believed says the "N.-C. Daily News" to be literati who despair of holding office owing to the new regulations requiring futur candidates for official posts to pass through the newly inaugurated colleges and schools of Western Learning.

THE EMPRESS-DOWAGR IN AWE OF THE LEGATION GUARDS.

A Peking despatch says: Since the Court's return to the Capital, that part of the Forbidden City, which lies between the Wu Gate and the Tien an Gate has been guarded by five battalions of Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai's foreign-drilled troops under the command of Colonel Chang Hsun, as a set-off against the Legation guards, by order of the Empress-Dowager.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF SHANTUNG.

The Board of Foreign Affairs, continues the above despatch, has received a telegram from the German authorities to the effect that they do not like to see Chang Jenchan Governor of Shantung any longer and therefore request the Board to remove him from the said governorship without delay.

YUNGLU'S JEALOUSY.

As a rule, says the same despatch, the Throne has always put a Prince at the head of the Grand Council. Hence on the Court's return to Peking the Empress-Dowager wished to give this honourable and much coveted appointment to Prince Li. But owing to Yunglu's strong opposition, the Empress Dowager was obliged to withdraw the appointment from Prince Li and proposed to give it to Prince Ching instead. But Yunglu again put obstacles in the way by saying that Prince Ching was a man of no decision and therefore not competent for this important post. As a result the Empress-Dowager eventually gave the position to Yunglu. Thus, the chief author of the Boxer movement, who, before his return to the Capital, was in constant fear that the foreign Powers would examine into his guilty conduct and mete out to him the condign punishment he deserves, is not only permitted to go scot-free but has become once again the most powerful statesman in the Empire.

THE EMPRESS-DOWAGER.

As protest have been raised against Yung Lu' remaining in high office on account of his share in the Boxer rising of 1900 he has asked his royal mistress to be allowed to retire into private life. Instead of agreeing to his request the Empress Dowager has promised to appoint him General of Yeho where there are many Manchu troops in order that he may still retain considerable military influence. It is confidently expected that after visiting the Imperial tombs her Majesty will go to Yeho where she may remain permanently as it is not likely she would wish to reside in Peking after returning power to the Emperor.

THE MANCHURIAN CONVENTION.

The Russian Minister at Peking has sent a Mr. Li, compradore of the Russo-Chinese Bank, to bribe Li Lin-ying, the influential eunuch reputed to be the favourite of the Empress-Dowager, to advise Her Majesty to command the Plenipotentiaries to sign the Manchurian Convention, as previously arranged with the late Li Hungchang, without altering a word of it. The amount offered is Tls. 10,000,000. Besides this, it is said Russia guarantees to protect the eunuch from punishment, in the event of interference by the other Powers.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF VICE-ROYALTIES.

On account of Chung Jen-chuan, Governor of Shantung, having fallen into disfavour with the foreigners, he will soon be removed from that Province. H. E. Chang Chih-tung taking advantage of the prospective change, has memorialised the Throne to appoint H. E. Yaun Shih-kai, already Viceroy of Chihle Viceroy of the combined Provinces of Chihle and Shantung. As Yuan Shih-Kai is in high favour at Court, it is not improbable that he may be the first to inaugurate this reform in administration.

THE RECENT REFORM DEGREES.

MANCHUS TO GO A BROAD.

A Decree is issued, commanding the Imperial Clan Court and Lieutenant-Generals of the Eight Manchu Banner Corps organisations to select intelligent youths between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five to go abroad for a foreign education.

INTERMARRIAGE AND FOOT BINDING.

A Decree is issued in the name of the Empress-Dowager to the following effect: We hereby command that the old law forbidding intermarriage between Manchus and Chinese be forthwith abolished in order to level down the boundary and distinction between the two people. That such a law was instituted at the foundation of the present Dynasty is because at that time the two people did not understand each other's customs and languages. But it is now more than two hundred years since the Dynasty was founded, during which time the two people have learned each other's customs and languages thoroughly. Hence the law should be abolished, and Manchus and Chinese of all classes are allowed the privilege of intermarriage in future. With regard to the selection of girls and young women for services in the Imperial Palaces, however, the selection shall still be confined to the Manchu families and not extended to the Chinese, so that the Dynasty may not repeat the evil practices of the Mings. We further command that, as the custom of footbinding among the Chinese women is injurious to the health, the gentry and notables of Chinese descent should exhort their own families and all who come under their influence to abstain from this evil practice so that it may be gradually eradicated. Although we have condemned this evil practice, we will not allow dishonest officials and yamen runners to squeeze and oppress those people who do not obey our order at once.

DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA'S MINERAL RESOURCES.

A correspondent, writing from Wuhu, says: It is reported here that "Sheng Kung-pao" has made a contract with some Japanese capitalists to work the coal mines in Hsuncheng hsien, a district in the south of Anhui. The contract will be in force for a period of fifty years, during which time no other companies will be permitted to open the mines, situated within a radius of thirty miles of the town Hsun-cheng.

A correspondent, writing from Nanchang, says: Governor Li Hsing-jui of this province has just sent a despatch to the Bureau of Commerce here to the effect that as Kiangsi abounds with coal mines he does not like to see them remain undeveloped any longer and, therefore, desires the Bureau to inform all the District Magistrates throughout the whole province in the name of H. E. that they should use their best endeavours in exhorting the local merchants and gentry to form companies for developing the mines in their respective districts.

THE "NANNING" AFFAIR.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

It is very evident that the Chinese authorities did not intend that the "Nanning" shooting incident should be passed without some punishment being meted out to those who are stated to be responsible for the outrage. The other morning, while passing through the Sai Wan district, Captain A. W. Dixon, of the Sai Nam, saw two French gunboats and half a dozen junks full of native soldiers anchored just off the shore. Upon getting nearer and bringing his glass to bear on the scene he found that a small village in the centre of the silk district was in flames, while about 200 Chinese soldiers had landed and, with the aid of bamboo poles, were busily engaged in feeding the flames and seeing that the fire did not lack in its work. In a small creek hard by several sampans lying at anchor were also in flames.

On making inquiries from the Chinese, Capt. Dixon was informed that the village had harboured pirates, chief among which was supposed to be the gang responsible for the shooting causing injury to passengers on the stern wheeler Nanning. The village was consequently destroyed and the pirates ejected.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

In the Alaskan fur market, London quotations govern. These are fixed twice a year in March and August—by a board of principal dealers in that city, and prices are gauged according to that scale in al parts of the world except Russia.

"I suppose," said the physician, smiling and trying to appear witty, while feeling the pulse of a lady patient, "I suppose you consider me an old humbug?" "Why, doctor," replied the lady, "I had no idea you could ascertain a woman's thoughts by merely feeling her pulse."

"Henry," his wife whispered, "there's a burglar downstairs in the dining-room. I just heard him rattling the silver." "Well," he replied, sleepily, "it's your silver." Listen! That sounds as if he was sampling that decanter of whisky. "Phew!" "Wait till I get my revolver."

The Yellow river is styled the "Sorrow of China." During the last century it has changed its sources 22 times, and now flows into the sea through a mouth 600 miles distant from that of 100 years ago. It is estimated that its floods in the present century have cost China 11,000,000.

Corporal J. Lee, of Blyth, an Imperial Yeoman, who was recently invalided home, brought with him amongst his souvenirs of the South African campaign, a Dutch Bible which had belonged to the fugitive ex-President Kruger. It is bound in red morocco, and the Hymns are printed with the music. It contains one of the late Mrs. Kruger's visiting cards, and was given to Mr. Lee by a British trooper. The book also bears the name of H. R. Badenhorst, Klerksdorp, who, presumably, had made the gift.—"Newcastle Daily Chronicle."

China is the great slave country of the world. Of a population of 400,000,000 there are slaves to the number of 10,000,000. Every family of means keeps its girl slaves, and a man's position is usually gauged by the number he keeps. At any age from three to fifteen girls are sold, seven or eight being the age at which most change hands. The girls are purchased to do house-work, it being cheaper to buy than hire. Slaves vary in price; £2 is about the average but much depends on the girl's appearance. A good looking girl will fetch £4 or even £8.

Miss Elizabeth Friend, whose brother, Mr. Arthur Henry Friend, is Mayor of Mafeking, volunteered as a nurse during the now historic siege, and had many opportunities of studying B.-P.'s versatility. Once she said, when he came into tea minus his coat, he apologised for the lack of it with the quiet observation that an apology was as good as a coat, and a great deal cooler. Speaking of his ambi-dexterity, Miss Friend said that she had received a letter from him apologising for writing to her in pencil and with his left hand, on the ground that his right hand and the pen and ink were engaged in writing dispatches:—M. A. P.

In a recent address before a club of Chicago bankers, Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Company, which is the greatest industrial corporation in the world, had this to say: Many people imagine that the bonds of the United States Steel Company are a first mortgage on its great properties. They are not. If you give the subject a moment's thought you will see that the first great mortgage is that which is owned by labour. The United States Steel Company pays to labour 150,000,000 dollars a year, equivalent to a mortgage debt of 3,000,000,000 dollars on the property.

A jolly old man from the Midland entered into one of the hotels at the seaside, and seeing on the slab on the right a crab dressed on the shell with legs, claws, and parsley ranged round, said to the landlord, What d'ye call that? Crab, was the answer. Looks good; I'll have 'un, and gie us a pint of ale. Bread and butter was added, and the diner was left to his dinner. In about an hour the genial landlord entered the dining saloon to see if his guest was getting on all right; he found him chawing up the last claw, very red in the face, but beaming. Like the crab, sir? Yes; he was capital. I never tasted one afore; but I think you baked' un a little too long; the crust was hard. Let's have another pint. He had eaten the lot—shell, claws, and all complete.—The Vegetarian.

The European dog census has been completed and shows that France, with 2,864,000 dogs, holds the European record. Not only are there more dogs in France than in any other country in Europe, but there are more per thousand inhabitants than in any other European country. France has 75 dogs to every 1,000 of its inhabitants. Then follow Ireland with 73, England with 38, Germany with 31, and Sweden, with 11. There are 2,200,000 dogs in Germany 1,500,000 in Russia, and 350,000 in Turkey though tourists who have resided in Constantinople aver that this number falls short of the actual total, which they think to be larger in Turkey than elsewhere. In France there is a dog tax, and every dog is registered—a condition which makes the computation comparatively easy in that country. The number of dogs in the United States is estimated at from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000.

The almanack this week recalls another dramatic scene in war. Sixteen centuries ago there died at York the only Roman Emperor who passed away in these islands. Severus was master of his empire when the third century opened and the Emperor came over to Britain in person to vanquish the rebels who were rising against his authority. On the 4th of February, leading his hosts at York he called upon them to extirpate the faithless barbarians. The fight began, but the Emperor was crippled with a painful disease in his feet, and there were intrigues to supersede him in command. Hearing of them, the proud Emperor asserted himself, and exclaimed: Soldiers, it is not the feet but the head which discharges the duties of a general. The effort was too much for him, however, and he was carried off the field to die.

So the island State went on its way, swallowing up other States mining gold and coining money, and encouraging wild extravagance in its monarch, one of whom had a thousand Elephants of State. No country in the East, save Japan, was so rich in its output of gold as Atchin, and it is not astonishing, perhaps, that the Atchinese begat a pride of empire worthy of an imperial race. Pride goeth before a fall and the fall of Atchin has been complete. The days of its power have gone for ever. Time was when England, was interested enough in this little State to make treaties for its protection, and so late as 1824 England and Holland agreed upon a treaty maintaining the independence of the kingdom, which, commercially, was in close touch with this country. It was to the port of Atchin that the merchants of London directed their energies when they were seeking trade in India, and for generations the little kingdom was on friendly terms with England, who found her friendship useful.

For a hundred years the island has known little peace, and in 1873 the war with the Dutch broke out in earnest. The Dutch East India Company, whose trade with the island had developed considerably, differed from the Atchinese as to rights of possession and power to erect lighthouses, and out of these differences grew the war which was to prove so costly and calamitous. Within a month the islanders had repulsed the Dutch and killed their commander-in-chief, and a month later the Dutch Parliament was voting fresh supplies. After a year of indecisive warfare, the Dutch army captured a position which it was thought would decide the war, but the natives rose and won again, and so, from then till now, the warfare has gone on.

It is, in truth, a "sort of warfare" now, but it has been serious enough in all conscience for a war and a cause many times more impressive. The capital town standing four miles from port, on a stream navigable by boats, has ceased to be a flourishing city and become a wilderness of ruins, and where the native army held sway is a Dutch garrison of two thousand men. It has been a long and terrible conflict, with a foe as physically brave as the Dutch themselves, and with difficulties to overcome which have their parallel in the vaster theatre of war on which the eyes of the world are fixed. Across the twenty thousand miles of island runs a mountain chain reaching in places a height of eleven thousand feet, and it is easy to believe that this long war has cost at present many millions sterling in money and eighty thousand brave men's lives.

The guns are almost silent now, save when some daring rebel band breaks out in defiance of the Dutch invader. The people are not the gentlest in the world they have even been described as treacherous, revengeful, bloodthirsty, immoral, and inordinately addicted to opium. There are three hundred thousand of them, speaking a tongue as mysterious as the mountainous island they inhabit, half of which has never been explored.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTES.

A despatch from Vigo states that a boiler explosion has occurred on the Spanish gunboat Condor, causing the death of the vessel's two engineers and of a sailor. The vessel had a crew of twenty-two men. With the exception of four, the others, including the captain and the second officer, were seriously injured or are missing. The Condor is a complete wreck. The explosion is attributed to the bad condition of the boilers, which formerly belonged to a torpedo-boat now out of commission. The sailors had repeatedly protested against their use. At the time of the explosion the Condor was engaged in pursuing some fishing boats in the bay, and had been compelled to put on extra pressure of steam. It is a very curious coincidence that this accident should have happened to the Spanish Condor at a time when our own vessel of the same name is missing, and, as it is feared lost in the Pacific Ocean.

The whole navy will learn with regret that Vice-Admiral Sir H. Rawson, K.C.B., is about to sever his connection with the service where for so long his name has been a household world, but at the same time every one will heartily congratulate him on his new and responsible appointment as Governor of New South Wales. It is not long since a naval officer in the position of Sir Harry has been appointed to an important Colonial governorship, and there will be much speculation as to the reasons which have governed his selection, for it was always supposed that he was destined sooner or later for the command in the Mediterranean; but if it is true that Sir E. Seymour is to succeed Sir J. Fisher in the Mediterranean command, Sir Harry's chances of going there would be much lessened owing to the position he will have reached on the admiral's list before the post becomes vacant again. It seems most probable that, taken in connection with the selection of Sir George Clarke and Sir Herbert Chermside, both military officers of a high reputation, as the Governors of Victoria and Queensland respectively, the appointment of so distinguished an officer as Sir Harry to fill the vacancy in New South Wales is an indication that the question of the administration and organisation of the naval and military forces of the new Commonwealth is, in the opinion of the Home Government, likely to become one of the first importance in the immediate future and that in these three officers the Governor-General will have at his disposal an advisory council, whose expert knowledge in all matters connected with naval and military subjects should carry great weight with the Federal Government. Sir Harry may have a difficult part to play, as the Federal Government is credited with aspiring to create an Australian navy, and their views on the question of naval policy and the defence of the floating trade of Australia are not in accordance with those of the Admiralty.

The Minister for war has undoubtedly acted wisely in deciding to submit the questions in dispute between himself and the commanding officers of volunteers to a committee for report. What is wanted is a moderate report which will take into account the pressing necessities of the hour. The nation can no longer afford to maintain a large body of men with muskets. For a commanding officer to say, as some do, "My men are gentlemen; they cannot afford to go into camp for a week every year, or other year," is an absurd and lowering attitude for a leader of volunteer opinion to assume. It is simply, as the commanding officer of one of our best provincial regiments says in a letter just received, "giving their show away completely, and holding the whole volunteer service up to ridicule." When, in the same breath, these commanding officers speak of corps which can conform with the Government requirements as working-men's corps the limit of absurdity, not to say insult, is fairly reached. All practical men, not soldiers alone, will naturally reply, "Very well, give us the working men the so-called gentlemen corps we can well afford to do without." The London Rifle Brigade may reasonably claim to be a well-ordered regiment, composed largely of merchants' clerks. But Lord Bingham sees nothing in the new regulations, as he said when addressing his men on Saturday last, to occasion alarm.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the Admiralty will order a strict investigation in to the following incident, which occurred a few weeks ago at Yarmouth, when Captain Henry W. Thierens, who was invalided home at the end of last year from the Mediterranean suffering from a sudden attack of insanity, died at the Naval Asylum at that place. The deceased officer had served with distinction for twenty-two years in the Service, the last three years as commander of the battleship 'Royal Oak.' It can scarcely be believed, but is nevertheless a fact, that so forgetful were the authorities at Yarmouth of the duty and respect which they owed to the body of the deceased that they actually allowed him to be buried without any naval honours whatever, with the exception of the Union Jack over the coffin, and did not even trouble to lower the flag to half-mast while the funeral was proceeding; a local undertaker and six of his assistants being considered fitting bearers of the body, though there were plenty of coastguardsmen available in the vicinity. What were the medical officer in charge and the coastguard officer at Yarmouth about that they should have allowed such a slight to be passed upon the memory of a deceased officer? Such a disgraceful incident can only be due to gross carelessness on the part of somebody, and the Admiralty should see to it that those responsible for the affair are severely reprimanded. Or are we to understand that officers and men who die at Yarmouth are not accorded naval honours at their funeral?

One of the most pressing features of the recruiting difficulty at the present moment is the dearth of signalmen in the fleet. Although under the new system the complement of signalmen is nearly double what it formerly was, yet several ships have to go to sea with a supply which does not even come up to the old scale. One way out of the difficulty would be to abolish the system of calling for volunteers for the rating, and simply tell off those boys who may be considered by the training ship officers to be smart enough for the work. At the same time the pay and advantages of the rating ought to be increased. Next to the captains of guns the signalmen are, perhaps, the most important men in the ship, and in action an enormous amount depends upon their smartness and efficiency.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Morning Post" telegraphed to that journal a long extract from an article written by Vice-Admiral Livonius on British sea power compared with that of Germany. For reasons best known to itself the "Post" thought the article important enough to treat seriously in a leader. Yet greater rubbish was penned by a foreign officer. Its value, as a contribution to naval literature, may be gauged by the following remarkable extract:—"Once when I was in the harbour of Singapore I ordered the general alarm to be unexpectedly beaten in order that I might test the military training of my men and their expertness in 'clearing ship' without previous preparation. The commander of the British ironclad 'Swiftsure' was quite astounded that the crew should have strictly and willingly carried out this operation by night. He would not have ventured to allow his crew to be drummed out of their sleep at night time." Comment on such a statement is needless, though it may as well be pointed out that the "Swiftsure," if she ever was at Singapore at all, has certainly not been there for 20 years or more. The Admiral also tells us that there "is scarcely ever any question of tactical evolutions"—especially in the Mediterranean! The German Navy is, of course, everything that it should be, and in regard to tactical training the writer complacently remarks, "We may boldly accord this superiority to ourselves." It would be an insult to the German naval officers to suggest that Admiral Livonius is looked upon as a capable exponent of their views.

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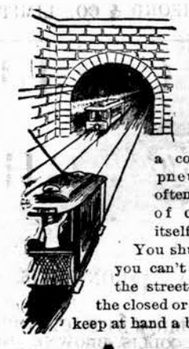

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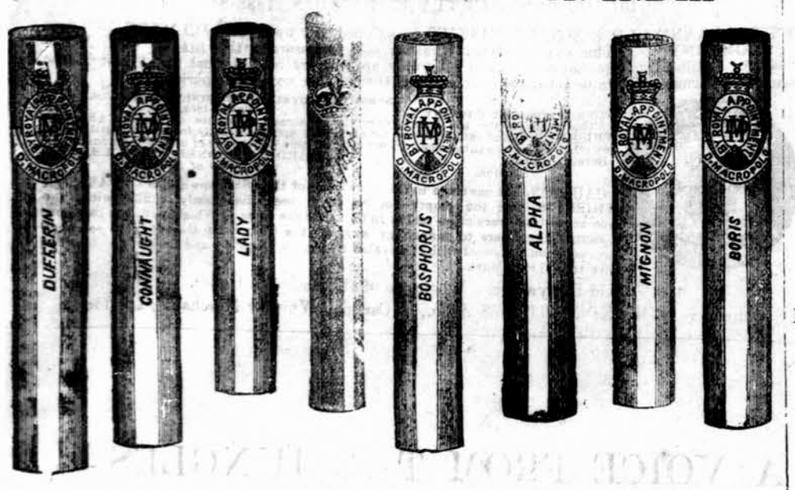

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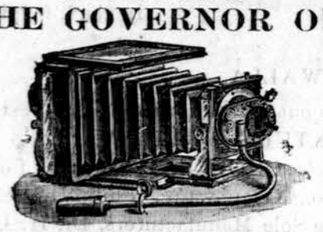

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